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Have garlic and onions, beat back cancer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. (Reuters) Eating garlic and onions may significantly reduce the risk of stomach cancer, according to a study of nearly 1,700 Chinese published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

The study, conducted in China's Shandong province where the death rate from stomach cancer is particularly high, found that the risk of the cancer declined according to the amount of garlic and onions consumed.

The effect was also triggered by garlic and onion relatives like shallots and chives.

Researchers from the US National Cancer Institute, the Beijing Institute for Cancer Research and other US and Chinese centres interviewed 685 patients with stomach cancer and 1,131 cancer-free individuals in Shandong province.

They found that those with the highest consumption of garlic and onions were 40 per cent less likely to develop stomach cancer than those who consumed the least.

The effect "appeared independent of protective associations found for intake of other fresh vegetables, vitamin C and other dietary factors," the researchers said. In all, researchers looked at 85 different food items.

However, investigators noted that a county in the US state of Georgia well known for its production of vidalia onions, a variety favoured for its sweetness and mild bite, was found to have a stomach cancer death rate of about one-third the US national average and one-half the state level.

Stomach cancer is the most common cause of death among cancer patients worldwide, the researchers said.

Baker presents broad outlines of foreign policy

US remains opposed to a Palestinian state

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. (Agencies) Secretary of State-designate James Baker has said the United States should be cautious in pursuing better relations with the Soviet Union and advocated direct Arab-Israeli peace talks, aid for the Philippines and a review of policy towards South Africa.

On the first day of his confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Baker warned yesterday that the US dialogue with the PLO should not lead anyone to misunderstand overall US policy "or question our enduring support for the state of Israel."

Baker also said the new Bush administration remains opposed to the concept of an independent Palestinian state claiming it "will not be a source of stability or contribute to a just and enduring peace."



Baker appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. (Reuters wirephoto)

Determined

Baker, who served as President Reagan's Treasury Secretary, said the new Bush administration is determined to build on the accomplishments of the previous Republican administration.

"We have a solid consensus on the objectives and means of making peace between Israel and her Arab neighbours," Baker said.

The American objectives, as summed up by Baker, include a just and enduring peace that ensures Israeli security and satis-

fies the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

"We advocate direct negotiations based on UN Resolutions 242 and 338, which include the exchange of territory for peace," he said, adding, "realistically, Jordan must participate in any agreement."

Uprising

He said: "The Palestinians must participate in the determination of their own future. We continue to believe, however, that an independent Palestinian state will not be a source of stability or contribute to a just and enduring peace."

Referring to the Palestinian uprising, now in its second year, Baker said: "We are determined to build upon the achievements of our predecessors in changing that situation (the intifada), which must be the foundation of a secure peace. And we look forward to working with all the parties in the area to achieve it."

He admitted that "today, the rocks are flying and the blood is flowing — bad blood — between the Palestinians and the Israelis in the areas under Israeli military administration."

Baker warned, however, that "a Middle East policy focused exclusively on the Arab-Israeli

conflict, would be too limited."

He alleged, for example, that "Libya continues to be a destabilising factor in North Africa and elsewhere in the region."

On Lebanon, Baker said: "Lebanon remains a rebuke to everyone's hopes for a restoration of stability and independence for that tragic country."

The US official made only a brief reference to the Iraq-Iran conflict, saying: "A lasting peace remains to be established between Iraq and Iran." Meanwhile, he added, "the issues of chemical warfare and ballistic missile proliferation compel our attention."

Pledged

Baker pledged that the US under the Bush administration will be working closely with the United Nations on some of these regional issues.

But overall, Baker had no new ideas to offer in his prepared statements — none had been expected — and his comments sounded very much like those of his predecessor George Shultz.

Baker, who enjoys much goodwill in Congress, is expected to win easy approval by the foreign relations committee and confirmation by the full Senate as secretary of state.

On US-Soviet relations, Baker echoed President-elect George Bush's cautious approach to changes being brought by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and credited the easing of US-Soviet relations to a US policy of peace

through strength.

Noting arms control progress, release of political prisoners and the Soviet pullout from Afghanistan, Baker said: "These are reasons to be hopeful. But realism requires us to be prudent."

Baker pledged to push for congressional approval of \$481 million in US aid, as promised by the Reagan administration.

"They will find it exceedingly difficult to understand if we're not able to fulfil that kind of a commitment after using our best efforts," Baker said.

Review

He also said negotiations with the Philippines for military base rights would be high on the Bush administration's agenda.

Baker called for a review of US policy toward South Africa, saying that economic sanctions mandated by Congress had failed to dismantle apartheid.

He urged Congress and the administration to present a united front toward South Africa, as the most efficient way to achieve progress against apartheid.

Baker proposed support for black institutions in South Africa as one tool the United States can use.

Baker espoused closer ties with Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and improved links with both India and Pakistan. He said the United States will co-ordinate with Japan future strategy for resolving the debt crisis in Latin America.

Anger over brutality against Palestinians

Soldiers lash out at Shamir

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan. 18. (Agencies) Arabs in the occupied West Bank staged a strike today to protest at mounting casualties from Army gunfire and Israeli soldiers and opposition blasted the government for its handling of the Palestinian uprising.

Israeli Army reservists complained to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday that the government's drive to crush the Palestinian revolt forced them to use brutal force and sacrifice their humanitarian values.

Shamir's trip to Nablus, the bastion of the 13-month-old uprising, apparently meant to demonstrate his resolve to quell the unrest, seemed to backfire when he cancelled a walkout in the city and faced a barrage of criticism from the soldiers.

Suppression

Speaking at an Army camp outside Nablus, the reservists said they were serving Arab interests by using force to suppress protests and urged the prime minister to find a political solution.

The soldiers said they had beaten innocent people to instill fear in them and enforce order. Several said they were ashamed of their behaviour and had difficulty facing friends and loved ones when they returned home.

The United States voiced concern over the increase in West Bank violence.

"We are deeply concerned over the rise in violent confrontations between Palestinians and Israelis which have resulted in increased injuries and deaths. We especially regret the loss of life," State Department spokesman Dennis Harter said at a news briefing.

Refract

"Restraint is called for now. There is an urgent need for Palestinians and Israelis alike to pull back from confrontation and reflect seriously upon what each side can do to promote calm and create an atmosphere conducive to dialogue and negotiations."

The UN secretary-general expressed concern over the escalating number of deaths, especially of girls, caused by Israeli gunfire and urged authorities to exercise restraint.

Palestinians said a leaflet sig-

ned by the uprising's underground leadership, the Unified National Command, called for the strike to "protest at ruthless Israeli policies and the killing of children."

Arab sources said residents observed the strike in most of the West Bank, with the exception of Nablus and Bethlehem. Merchants closed shops and students left classrooms.

Palestinians said Israeli troops shot and wounded seven people in scattered protests today. The Army said it was checking the reports.

Palestinians hurled two firebombs at a bus carrying Arab workers to Israel near the West Bank village of Dayr Abu Mashal, police said. Two people were injured and the bus was gutted.

Amid growing concern by ministers over rising Arab casualties in the 13-month revolt, Israel's inner cabinet met to discuss Army use of plastic bullets and other anti-riot tactics.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has announced tough measures to punish stone-throwers, easing restrictions to let soldiers fire plastic bullets at Arabs throwing stones or running away after protests.

No-confidence

In the Israeli parliament, six left-wing parties tabled no-confidence motions against the government over its new crackdown on the uprising, which has killed at least 370 Arabs and 14 Jews since it erupted in Dec 1987.

The far-right Mokedet Party also tabled a no-confidence motion complaining about Rabin's order to demolish a settlers' memorial to an Israeli taxi-driver shot dead in the West Bank.

The broad left-right coalition, holding more than three-quarters of the seats, was expected to defeat the motions easily.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens accused British Foreign Office Minister William Waldegrave today of slandering and insulting Israel.

"I wish to express regret over Mr Waldegrave's statements when he was in Tunis for a meeting with (PLO chairman Yasser) Arafat," Arens told Israel's parliament.

Arafat's visit to America

US to discuss visa issue

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. (AP) Two Arab-American officials have been invited to the US State Department to discuss the possibility of granting a visa for PLO chief Yasser Arafat to visit the United States, an Arab-American group has said.

The president of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Abdel Jabara, and the chairman of its board, former Sen. James Abourezk, were asked to meet next Monday with an aide to Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, said the group's spokesman, Faris Bouhafa. The aide, Ned Walker, deals in Middle Eastern affairs.

"The stated purpose of the invitation was to discuss an

Arafat visa," Bouhafa said yesterday.

Arafat arrived in Baghdad today after a two-day visit to Finland where he rejected an Israeli plan for Palestinian elections in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Pakistan today upgraded to an embassy the office of the PLO in Islamabad.

The Foreign Office said in a statement the PLO representative office would now be called the embassy of the state of Palestine and the organisation's representative would be addressed as the ambassador of Palestine.

It said the decision "reflects our belief in the justice of the Palestinian cause."

Calls for gun control measures in America

Gunman sprays children with bullets killing five

STOCKTON, Calif., Jan. 18. (Reuters) The attack on a schoolyard by a gunman who blasted away with three automatic weapons, killing five children and wounding 39 before shooting himself, has renewed calls for gun control measures.

Many of the victims were children of Southeast Asian immigrants who came to the United States to escape violence.

The five dead children, aged six to nine, were all from Kampuchean and Vietnamese families. Besides the 39 youngsters wounded, one teacher was also injured.

More than a dozen pupils remained in hospital today, shot by Patrick Purdy, 24, who marched into their crowded school playground in military garb at midday yesterday.

of no possible motives for the shootings which one fearful mother described as "my worst nightmare."

California school superintendent Bill Honig said something had to be done about the violence that has struck US schools.

"Long range, we in this society are going to have to do something to crack down on the availability of automatic weapons," he said.

At least one state lawmaker said he would push for approval of a bill before the California legislature that would ban assault rifles of the type Purdy was carrying.

Problems

The Stockton killings were the latest in a series of mass school shootings over the past year.

On Sept. 27, 1988, James William Wilson, 19, killed an eight-year-old girl and injured 10 other people when he shot up a lunchroom and a classroom in a Greenwood, South Carolina, elementary school. A wounded teacher tackled him when he laid down his gun.

On May 22, 1988, Lori Was-



A mother hugs her daughters at the Cleveland elementary school as her son appears in daze after a gunman, Patrick Purdy, (inset) fired at students. (Reuters wirephoto)

serman Dean, who had a history of mental problems, killed an eight-year-old boy and wounded five other children and an adult man before taking her own life. The incident took place in a grade school in Winnetka, Illinois.

Police say Purdy drove up to the Cleveland elementary school, located in a quiet neighbourhood of tidy brick homes and tree-

lined streets, and set his car on fire. He then walked to the playground where 500 students were on a lunch break and began firing.

Teacher Lorrie McKay said Purdy displayed no emotion and fired apparently without aiming. "He was just standing there with his gun ... just matter of fact. He wasn't angry," she said.

A church next to the school

was turned into an emergency centre where parents, some of them hysterical, sought word on the fate of their children. Some did not speak English and interpreters were summoned to help.

Police in a small town east of Portland, Oregon, said Purdy lived there for several months last year and had bought an AK-47 at a store before returning to California.

Botha in hospital after stroke

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 18. (UPI) President Pieter W. Botha suffered a "mild stroke" at his Cape Town residence today, but was in stable condition in a military hospital and would name an acting president tomorrow, officials said.

Botha's early-morning stroke a week after his 73rd birthday triggered speculation on his future after 10 years as head of the minority white government, especially as he faces a taxing general election within the next year under constitutional requirements.

Botha, leader since 1978 of the ruling National Party, suffered the stroke in bed at his official residence, Westbrooke, in Cape Town's Newlands suburb.

India, Sri Lanka may sign friendship treaty

COLOMBO, Jan. 18. (AP) India is willing to consider a proposal by the Sri Lankan government for a bilateral treaty of peace, friendship and co-operation, an Indian statement said today.

The proposal for the treaty came from President Ranasinghe Premadasa, who had pledged to turn the existing 1987 India-Sri Lanka peace accord into a friendship pact in line with the one India has with the Soviet Union.

"India is willing to consider the suggestion from Sri Lanka for a bilateral Indo-Sri Lanka treaty ... on the principle of mutual benefit and reciprocity," the statement said.

The announcement came after Indian High Commissioner J.N. Dixit met Premadasa late yesterday.

Details of the proposed treaty were not immediately divulged, but the one India signed with the Soviet Union in 1971 contains a clause calling for mutual military help in event of armed foreign aggression.

Deadline

A draft of the proposed treaty was to be forwarded to the Indian government, the statement said, without giving a deadline.

India signed the 1987 treaty with Sri Lanka to end the five-year-old war by Tamil guerrillas for a homeland in the north and the east of the Indian Ocean republic. The treaty was limited to Indian military help in disarming the Tamil rebels.

Iraq denies it is producing biological weapons

NICOSIA, Jan. 18. (Agencies) Iraq today denied allegations that it was producing biological weapons, saying it did not need them to defend itself.

It said reports that Israel had warned Baghdad of its intention to attack a factory producing the weapons were also untrue.

"If such a warning is received, Iraq will strongly reject it," the Iraqi News Agency quoted an Information Ministry spokesman as saying.

Purposes

"The spokesman asserted that Iraq does not produce such weapons and does not need them for defensive purposes," added the agency, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Two American television networks said yesterday that Iraq

was developing weapons to spread cholera, typhoid, anthrax and other diseases.

An Israeli official said today his country had information that Baghdad had developed such weapons but did not yet have the means to use them on the battlefield.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry denied television reports that Israel had threatened to bomb the plant, as it destroyed a nuclear reactor near Baghdad in 1981.

The Iraqi spokesman accused Israel of wanting to prolong the Gulf war in order to keep the Arab nation engaged and subjected to the Iranian regime's threats.

He said Israel had supplied Tehran with "all the means of continuing its aggression."

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Falaka: 15°C 59°F

Minimum temperatures recorded:

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Falaka: 5°C 41°F

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Falaka: 80 per cent

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Wish them everlasting health and vitality.

INTERNATIONAL

Attack on Rabta plant would be like Hiroshima: Khaddafi

ROME, Jan 18. (Agencies): Col. Moammar Khaddafi has called for escalated resistance to "aggression" and warned that a US attack on Libya's alleged chemical weapons plant "would be like striking Hiroshima."

In an address to members of the central council of the International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions, broadcast by Libyan television last night and monitored in London, Khaddafi focused on tensions with the United States.

He said Libya has no aircraft carrier "with which to confront the American aircraft carrier or the missiles which they threaten to use against us."

"They bring their fleets and we bring the Arab nation," he said. "Devastated"

"I told them it is a Hiroshima," he said, referring to the Japanese city devastated by the US atom bomb in 1945. "If you strike Rabta it would be like striking Hiroshima. They are still paying the price of Hiroshima today."

Libya claims the Rabta plant is for making pharmaceuticals.

The United States says it is a chemical weapons facility, and President Reagan last month said he had not ruled out the option of a military strike against the plant.

"We challenge them to strike this factory," Khaddafi said. "Your will is stronger than the aircraft carrier and the cruise missiles... no matter how much we fought with military power we were not able to make the fleets of America withdraw from confronting the Libyan sea," Khaddafi said.

"But... the American fleets are withdrawing. They are holding their manoeuvres along European shores."

Realise

The US 6th Fleet has been holding exercises in the Mediterranean, near the Italian coast. Missile-firing exercises originally slated to be held off the Libyan coast were cancelled in an apparent move to defuse tensions after US fighter jets shot down two Libyan MIGs.

"We must work still further until we realise Arab unity and

aggression is defeated... they came to our own territory, we have resisted them. But the resistance must escalate and should continue until the Arab nation's aims of unity and liberation are realised," Khaddafi said.

Libya meanwhile showed a group of Australian parliamentarians today the outside of its controversial plant near Tripoli, saying no inside visit was possible until inspection by international experts.

Meanwhile, the Frankfurt prosecutor's office said today it had opened a criminal investigation against the now-defunct I.B.I. engineering company, which US officials have accused of playing a key role in the suspected Libyan chemical weapons plant.

Federal officials already are probing overall West German involvement, while a local prosecutor in the southern city of Offenbach has opened a criminal probe against the Imhausen-Chemie Company. US officials allege that Imhausen also was a major participant in the project.

Estimated

West Germany's ARD television estimated that 50 companies in the Frankfurt area alone had a role in building the Libyan plant.

Israeli Finance Minister Shimon Peres flew to West Germany today where he reportedly plans to demand that officials put an end to involvement by German firms in building a controversial plant in Libya.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens summoned West Germany's ambassador to his office today to express concern over the aid West German companies gave to build a Libyan plant.

Racial violence

MIAMI, Jan 18. (AP): Rioters set fires and looted stores early today as 700 police officers poured into two black neighbourhoods, arresting hundreds in an attempt to halt two days of racial violence.

The violence eased toward dawn, enabling police to reduce their presence.

Jaruzelski survives vote of confidence

Polish party approves legalization of Solidarity

WARSAW, Jan 18. (UPI): The Polish Communist Party today approved a resolution that would again legalize Solidarity and gave an overwhelming vote of confidence to Polish leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, the official news agency PAP said.

"In an unequivocal (with four abstentions) vote the central committee granted a vote of confidence to the party's supreme authorities led by Wojciech Jaruzelski," PAP said.

"With a majority of votes, the (central) committee approved the stand on political pluralism and union pluralism," PAP said. The statement indicated that instead of the nearly unanimous approval common at central committee meetings, serious division within the party over whether to take the historic step, which would put Solidarity back on legal footing for the first time since Sept 1982, when it was outlawed following the imposition of martial law on Dec 13, 1981.

Delayed

A draft of the resolution obtained yesterday by United Press International said the shape of Solidarity and of other unions will be decided during round-table talks with Solidarity.

The talks, which have been delayed since October by resistance within the party, would begin in the next few days, a party

source said.

In a speech during extended debate on the resolution, Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski said Solidarity would operate on probation until May 3, 1991 — the 200th anniversary of a liberalized Polish constitution that operated only briefly until the partition of Poland by Russia, Prussia and Austria.

Loyal

The resolution set several conditions for the re-legalization of Solidarity, saying it should back the government economic reforms, be loyal to the state and give up receiving finances from the West — a reference mainly to US congressional funding of \$1 million annually in 1987 and 1988.

"It (Solidarity) must see itself as part of socialism," Prime Minister Rakowski said during the long and often heated debate. "We must seek assurance that this Solidarity, which cannot be a copy of the old Solidarity, cannot plunge the country into anarchy."

Poland was wracked by strikes in 1980 and 1981 during the domination, birth and ultimate suppression of Solidarity, the first legal independent trade union in Eastern Europe.

It was not clear whether Solidarity would agree to the conditions. Solidarity spokesman Janusz Onysiewicz declined to comment

immediately on the decision and said there would be a statement from Solidarity after consultation with Lech Walesa later in the day.

Rakowski warned that party must change politically in order to retain its power.

"No supernatural force guarantees that the Communist Party retains its leading role. It depends on us," said Rakowski. The resolution said legal conditions "for the formation of new unions, including Solidarity," should be worked out during the round-table meetings.

Clubs

A previous draft only referred to legalization of "another union" in contrast to the official communist-controlled unions. The resolution ruled out formation of the political parties, but said opponents with other than socialist views will be able to form political clubs and associations.

The clubs and associations will be allotted a certain number of seats in the communist-dominated parliament following elections this fall.

Gen. Jaruzelski, who imposed martial law, has repeatedly vowed over the past seven years that Solidarity would never be allowed to return, but the critical economic situation and two waves of strikes last year prompted the government to begin talking with the outlawed union.

Differences on human rights still remain, says Shevardnadze

VIENNA, Austria, Jan 18. (AP): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said upon arrival today that the Berlin Wall is not a subject for negotiation at the 33-nation conference on human rights and East-West relations.

He also told reporters at the Vienna airport that there are "many areas in which we just disagree" on human rights issues, referring to East-West differences newly underscored by US Secretary of State George Shultz.

The Soviet diplomat, who was to address closing sessions tomorrow of the conference reviewing compliance with the 1975 Helsinki final act, would not comment on yesterday's call by Shultz for East bloc nations to cease repressions and to implement human rights accords.

Signed

In his speech to the same conference, Shultz called the Berlin Wall "an inhumane structure" and more than a symbol of repression because it keeps East Germans from fleeing to West Berlin.

The Helsinki accord was signed by the United States, the Soviet Union, Canada and 32 European countries. It tacitly accepted the post-World War II boundaries in Europe, which the

Soviet Union had long sought, while providing the Western democracies with a lever to promote more openness in the East.

Asked by reporters if the newly reached agreement indicated that the Berlin Wall could now be dismantled, Shevardnadze said, "I don't think that the Berlin Wall is a subject for the Vienna meeting."

"Each state has the right to build its frontiers as it wishes and we must proceed from there," he said.

Shevardnadze told reporters he preferred to focus on achievements of the conference and called it a major step that would lead to follow-up talks to settle outstanding differences on human rights.

The agreement mandates new talks between NATO and the Warsaw Pact to reduce conventional arms across Europe. Negotiations are to open in Vienna on March 9.

Kidnap probe

BRUSSELS, Jan 18. (Reuters): A Belgian investigator sketched a picture today of how the kidnapped former Prime Minister Paul Vanden Boeynants was grabbed from his garage four days ago, but said no firm claim of responsibility had emerged so far.

Security tightened for Bush's inauguration

WASHINGTON, Jan 18. (Agencies): The recent rash of terrorist attacks against the United States and its tragic history of presidential assassinations have turned the capital into a virtual armed camp as it celebrates the inauguration of President George Bush.

While the secret service, responsible for co-ordinating protection by dozens of police and military units, is keeping silent on the measures taken, police sources say extraordinarily strict security precautions are coming into force for the inaugural festival beginning today.

Even manhole covers, are being welded shut in roads near the US Capitol where Bush and Vice President-elect Dan Quayle will be sworn into office at noon on Friday, and along the Pennsylvania Avenue parade route to the White House.

Police marksmen will be stationed on roofs overlooking streets that will be closed to regular traffic throughout the programme of parades, concerts, banquets and balls.

Up to 500,000 people are expected to jam the capital for the five days of pageantry to usher in the Bush era after Ronald Reagan's eight years at the White House.

The festivities were due to be launched with a big open-air concert at the Lincoln memorial late

today. Bush, his wife Barbara, Quayle and wife Marilyn were scheduled to be there — tempting targets for assassins, terrorists or any others who wish America harm.

Police estimated over 100,000 people would be at the memorial for fireworks, a flyover by 21 Navy attack and fighter planes and a spectacular Army parachute jump.

For the first time, 140,000 ticketholders will have to pass through metal detector barriers to witness Bush and Quayle being sworn in outside the domed Capitol, overlooking the Washington mall and monuments.

Meanwhile, the Washington Post said today that the Reagan administration has made little progress toward compensating the families of 290 people killed when the USS Vincennes shot down an Iran Air jet.

"Nothing's going on, said one US official, who added, "the compensation issue is extraordinarily complicated."

According to the Post, the Reagan administration has not rushed to tie up its loose ends with Iran, including the complications surrounding fulfillment of its compensation offer, and apparently will leave office in two days without having even put together a formal request to Congress for the compensation package.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Immigrant seized

MANCHESTER, Jan 18. (Reuters): Police smashed their way into a Manchester church today to arrest a Sri Lankan political militant living in sanctuary to avoid deportation.

Junior Home Office Minister Timothy Renton said 32-year-old Viraj Mendis would be deported to Sri Lanka, where he claims he will face a possible death sentence, on Friday unless he could find another country to accept him.

Commandos killed

COLOMBO, Jan 18. (UPI): Leftist Sinhalese extremists killed three Army commandos they took hostage in southern Sri Lanka, shooting one and hacking the two others to death, a Defence Ministry official said today.

Action defended

PRAGUE, Jan 18. (UPI): Czechoslovakia today lashed out at the United States for criticising its human rights record and defended the actions of riot police who attacked crowds in Prague for a third straight day.

Drug seizures

LONDON, Jan 18. (Reuters): Drugs with a street value of £165 million (\$325 million) were seized in Britain in 1988, a substantial increase on 1987 levels, the customs and excise office said today.

New Arab alliance

KUWAIT, Jan 18. (KUNA): Four Arab states are expected to form an alliance soon, press reports said here today.

According to a Kuwaiti daily, Paris-based Arab diplomatic sources disclosed that secret consultations were under way among the four Arab states on the formation of the "new alliance."

They said the four countries are Iraq, Egypt, Jordan and Yemen Arab Republic. "An official proclamation of the formal alliance is expected within a few weeks," they added.

The paper quoted the sources as saying that the four states have informed several Arab countries that "the new grouping is neither a bloc nor an axis, and it is not directed against any party."

Love dominates

NEW YORK, Jan 18. (AP): Most Americans believe there's enough romance in their lives, and they reject the theory that a child takes the romance out of marriage, according to a poll released by Parents magazine.

In a national survey of adults, 70 per cent of respondents said they had enough romance in their lives. Twenty-three per cent said they had too little romance, and an intriguing three per cent claimed to have more than they could handle.

As far as children and marriage, 57 per cent termed it a myth that the combination kills romance. But 39 per cent said they felt that when a child arrives, Cupid leaves.

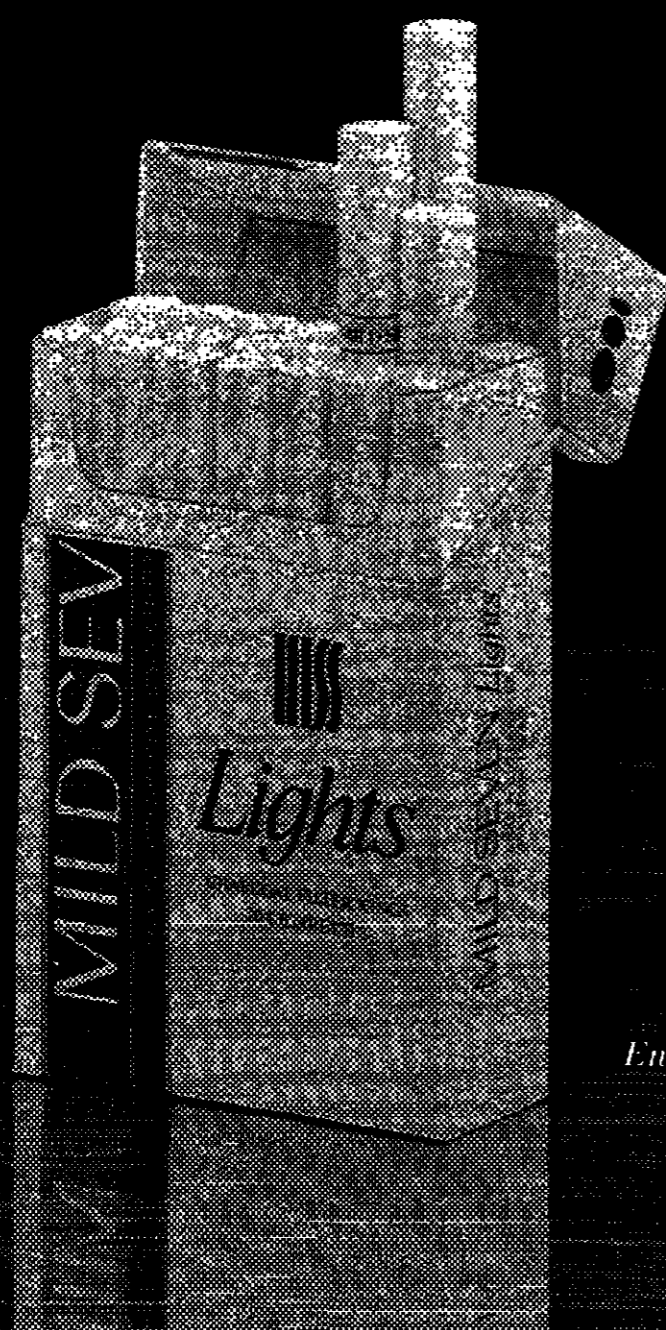
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Elder Bentsen killed

HOUSTON, Jan 18. (Reuters): Lloyd Bentsen Sr., the 92-year-old father of Senator Lloyd Bentsen, was killed yesterday in a car crash near his home in south Texas.

UK: one of Europe's filthiest nations

LONDON, Jan 18. (KUNA): Britain has become one of the filthiest countries in Europe with city streets strewn with litter, junk and graffiti, a report said here today.

The streets carry "the daily disgrace of a nation's rubbish from discarded sweet wrappers and half-eaten food to abandoned cars and illegal tipping", according to a study by the British Royal Fine Art Commission. The report which is reportedly

backed by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, blames the problem on a growing lack of personal discipline and calls for urgent action to halt the decline.

The study, to find a "New look for London" was carried out over two years.

Author Judy Hellman said that although the report concentrates on the capital, the problems affect all Britain and she hopes other cities and towns will take note of its recommendations.

She comments: "London is filthy, worse than comparable cities in mainland Europe and the same is true of Britain as a whole."

The report recommends that the banks of the River Thames be turned into a national park. Legislation covering officially designated national parks imposes rigorous controls on the collection of garbage and similar matters.

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Soviet troops quit most Afghan areas

MOSCOW, Jan 18, (Reuters): Soviet troops have now left 26 of Afghanistan's 32 provinces and are turning over defences of the capital Kabul to Afghan forces, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda said today.

It said the first stage of the withdrawal of the more than 100,000 troops sent to Afghanistan in 1979 to bolster the Kabul government had gone according to plan.

But it made no mention of the Feb 15 deadline for the pullout of the remainder as stipulated in last April's UN-sponsored Geneva accords.

The Pravda correspondent said checkpoint Number 30 outside Kabul, a key southern entry point to the capital, had been turned over yesterday to Afghan troops.

The official news agency Tass said today that Afghan troops had launched 17 attacks on Muslim rebels in three areas of eastern Nangarhar province, killing 82 and wounding five.

Tass said dozens of people were killed during fighting between insurgent groups in Kandahar province.

The Soviet Union has said it will abide by the provisions of the

Geneva accords and the Soviet military commander in Afghanistan said last weekend that the remainder of the troops would withdraw on time, although military supplies to Kabul would continue.

Deadline
But Yuri Vorontsov, Moscow's chief negotiator trying to establish a broad-based government in Afghanistan, said last week that the Soviet Union might not be able to meet the deadline.

Crowds thronged Soviet troops distributing emergency fuel yesterday as shortages worsened amid fears of an increasingly effective rebel blockade of the capital.

Afghan soldiers wielding tree branches, blankets and short clubs beat back hundreds of men, women and children who broke from lines and milled around three Soviet armoured personnel carriers carrying emergency supplies that rolled into the city's rundown Khairkhana district near the airport.

An Afghan doctor reported that special ration coupons that have cushioned government employees against previous shortages were exhausted.

Unnatural deaths on rise in China

BEIJING, Jan 18, (AP): Suicides and other unnatural deaths have jumped by 50 per cent since the beginning of the decade, China's official Xinhua news agency reported today.

A survey of 10 million people in 25 locales found that the death rate from unnatural causes increased from 31 per 100,000 people in 1981 to 47 out of 100,000 in 1987.

Four-fifths of the deaths were due to suicide, drowning, poisoning and traffic accidents, Xinhua said.

China does not provide statistics on suicide, but Xinhua said that in the countryside, where the majority of Chinese live, one-third of unnatural deaths were the result of suicide. More women than men took their own lives, it said.

The survey found that half of the suicides were triggered by family disputes, marital problems and poor personal relations. About 20 per cent of suicides were terminally ill patients, it said.

The report said two-thirds of the killing themselves used poison, and called for tighter control over the dispensing of poison.

Syria supports Arab efforts on Lebanon

DAMASCUS, Jan 18, (Reuters): Syria will support an Arab League ministerial committee in its efforts to resolve the political crisis in Lebanon, the semi-official daily Al Thawra said today.

"Syria, which spared no effort in the past to enable Lebanon overcome its crisis, will extend all facilities to any sincere and honest Arab effort aimed at liberating Lebanon from the Zionist cancer and ensuring it belongs to the Arab nation," it said.

Vice-President Abdel-Halim Khaddam held talks in Damascus yesterday with Lebanon's Muslim acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss on the committee's planned meeting with Lebanese leaders later this month, officials said.

Reconciliation
The six-nation Arab League contact group, headed by Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, has invited Hoss and Michel Aoun, head of Lebanon's rival Christian cabinet, to Tunis for talks.

In Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah said two Kuwaiti envoys will leave for Lebanon tomorrow carrying messages from him to Aoun and Parliament Speaker Hussein Al Hussein.

Al Thawra repeated Syria's conditions for resolving the crisis — ending all links with Israel and introducing political and constitutional reforms to achieve national reconciliation.

Sikh radicals murder Hindu family

AMRITSAR, Jan 18, (AP): Sikh militants raided a village in northern Punjab and shot and killed a Hindu family of four, police said today.

About five Sikh gunmen raided the home of Anant Ram in the village of Bhurhe Gill, 50 kilometres (30 miles) south of Amritsar, police chief G.S. Mann said.

Ram and his two sons were killed inside a room and the assailants shot and killed Vinod Kumar, a relative of Ram, who tried to resist the attack, Mann said.

Sikhs, who make up two per cent of India's 880 million people, allege they are discriminated against by the Hindus, the country's religious majority accounting for over 80 per cent of the people.

But Sikhs comprise a majority in Punjab, a rich farming state bordering Pakistan.

Sikh militants have been campaigning since 1982 for an independent homeland in Punjab. The latest slayings brought the death toll blamed on the militants this year to 120. Last year 2,400 deaths were blamed on the militants.

"The Lebanese constitution which was born in 1943 has become unsuitable... it does not satisfy the majority of the Lebanese people," it said.

It said the 1943 national convention, which tends to favour Christians over Muslims, was a source of discrimination which partitioned Lebanese society rather than unified it.

"Any attempt (to resolve the crisis) which is not based on achieving drastic political reforms in Lebanon before the election of a new president will remain useless. It will not alter the bad situation in Lebanon," Al Thawra said.

Lebanon, torn by more than 13 years of intermittent civil war, has been without a president since Sept 23 when Amin Gemayyel's term expired.

Meanwhile, fighting between rival Shiite Muslim militias in Beirut's southern suburbs and south Lebanon eased today to sporadic hit-and-run attacks.

But security sources said that, though pitched battles between pro-Syrian Amal gunmen and

Iranian-backed Hezbollah militants were less frequent, individual killings or kidnappings continued.

There was also no let-up in the propaganda war. Hezbollah issued a statement saying Amal fighters had seized more than 350 people in the southern village of Abbasiyeh and the market town of Nabatiyeh.

"The prisoners are being tortured to death by Amal militiamen. Four of our comrades were transferred to hospital suffering from multiple injuries and burns," it said.

Charge
In west Beirut, a Syrian soldier and an Amal gunman were killed and a Hezbollah militant was wounded in a machinegun clash yesterday.

An Amal spokesman blamed Hezbollah for the clash. He also said Hezbollah had abducted an Amal member in the southern suburbs.

Hezbollah denied the allegations. It said Amal fighters killed the Syrian soldier and wounded a fundamentalist in the shoulder.

MNLF denies government in exile

Muslims reject autonomy offer

MANILA, Jan 18, (Reuters): The head of the Philippines' main Muslim separatist group rejected today a government offer to grant semi-autonomy to 13 southern provinces, saying it would only worsen unrest in the region.

But Nur Misuari, chairman of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), speaking from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, dismissed suggestions his group planned to set up a government in exile.

Talks
He said a plan proposed by President Corason Aquino offered too little independence to the region and ignored Muslim demands.

"What they are formulating is a unilateral, one-sided, imposed solution," Misuari said in a telephone interview.

He said the MNLF felt betrayed by the government and saw little hope for dialogue.

"The chances of peace have been marred by the provocative posture of the Philippine government," he said. "Inch by inch we are approaching the precipice."

Four congressmen from Mindanao said they would travel to Jeddah on Thursday to hold informal "exploratory" talks with Misuari. The planned trip came as proposed legislation to back up Aquino's semi-autonomy plan became bogged down.

More than 50,000 people were killed in the 1970s in fighting between government troops and Muslim separatists in Mindanao, the country's second largest island and traditional homeland to the Muslim minority.

An informal ceasefire has been in effect since 1986.

Congress is debating a bill it hopes to pass in the next few weeks that would grant limited autonomy to parts of Mindanao and nearby islands.

Aquino and her predecessor, Ferdinand Marcos, both pledged to end unrest in the south by granting semi-independence to some provinces, but plans bogged down.

Autonomy talks have been complicated by the fact that Christian migrations from the north since World War Two have left only five southern provinces mostly Muslim. There are about seven million Muslims in the predominantly Roman Catholic country of 60 million people.

MNLF spokesman Sharif Zain Jali told Reuters the group planned to set up a government in exile in either Iran, Syria or Libya before March to help boost its chances of gaining membership to the Organisation of Islamic Conference which groups 46 countries.

But Misuari said no such plans were being made.

He said the MNLF wanted membership in the OIC, but would seek the advice of the conference before formally applying.



Sheikh Sabah

More than 140 people have been killed in battles which erupted between Amal and Hezbollah, vying for supremacy over Lebanon's 1.5 million Shiites, in Beirut on Jan 1 and spread to south Lebanon.

Beirut's leftist As Safir newspaper said peace talks were deadlocked. It quoted Amal official Sheikh Hassan El Masri as saying the militia would not consider any reconciliation until Hezbollah handed over the killers of the top Amal leader.

Daoud Daoud, head of Amal's executive committee, Mahmoud Faqih and Hassan Sabaiti were shot dead by gunmen on the southern outskirts of West Beirut last Sept 22.

Hezbollah has repeatedly denied Amal's allegations that it was responsible for the killings.

Roh urges settlement on US bases in Seoul

SEOUL, Jan 18, (AP): President Roh Tae-woo called today for an early settlement of negotiations over the future of US bases in Seoul and warned against any criticism of the United States.

Government officials said the President urged his administration to seek a "quiet and quick settlement" over the relocation of US military facilities from central Seoul to rural areas. Roh's direction came at a meeting called to review South Korea's foreign policy for the coming year.

Roh cautioned against any "emotional criticism" of the United States, referring to an expansion of anti-US sentiment among the Korean people, Foreign Ministry officials said.

"We must work to establish a mature and solid partnership with the United States," Roh was quoted as saying.

Disidents and radicals demand the immediate withdrawal of the 42,000 US troops based here. They contend the American forces obstruct unification with North Korea.

Attack

Disident students firebombed and threw rocks at a US Information Service compound in a provincial city today, smashing windows but there were no reports of injuries, said a US embassy spokesman in Seoul.

About 30 to 40 students who were part of a larger crowd took part in the attack in Kwangju, 170 miles (275 km) south of Seoul, the spokesman said.

The students hurled about 50 firebombs, smashing about 10 windows of a USIS building and damaging a car, the Yonhap news agency reported.

The students dashed from behind a nearby hotel building in downtown Kwangju and stormed the USIS compound, Yonhap said. It said the youths shouted "execute (President) Roh Tae-woo" and "drive out US imperialists" as they staged the attack. No injuries were reported.

Two student leaders climbed on the roof of a USIS building and hung a placard demanding punishment of Roh and the ouster of Americans, Yonhap said.

Malaysian premier hospitalised

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 18, (Agencies): Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad suffered chest pains today and is likely to remain in hospital for a few days, his spokesman said.

"He is still in hospital but it is nothing serious," the spokesman said, adding that the Malaysian leader would remain in hospital for "a couple of days." He gave no other details.

Mahathir, 63, who took office in 1981, was admitted shortly after midnight and was being attended by a senior cardiologist, the official Bernama news agency said.

It quoted an official of the Kuala Lumpur General Hospital as saying his condition was stable and satisfactory.

Mahathir, a medical doctor before entering politics, is healthy and fit for his age, and has no chronic ailments, according to his associates.

Hospital sources said Mahathir walked into the hospital on his own.

Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Ghafar Baba confirmed the Prime Minister was hospitalised after suffering chest pains, but refused to reveal more details.

Mahathir became Malaysia's Prime Minister in 1981 after serving as deputy prime minister since 1976.

Relatives and close friends of Mahathir said he had some minor blood pressure problems in the past.

Relatives search for Sri Lankan crash victims

COLOMBO, Jan 18, (AP): Hundreds of relatives rushed to two hospitals in southern Sri Lanka today, hoping to find survivors of a train-bus collision that killed at least 51 people and injured 72, authorities said.

An express train slammed into a school bus carrying about 120 people, mostly children, yesterday afternoon near the town of Agungalla, about 70 kilometres (30 miles) south of Colombo, police and witnesses said.

Relatives crowded into government-run hospitals in the towns of Galle and Balapitiya, where the dead and injured were taken.

One mother walked through a hospital last night, calling out a child's name, only to be stopped by nurses from entering the morgue.

Hema Premadasa, wife of President Ranasinghe Premadasa, visited the accident site and hospitals today, going from bed to bed trying to comfort the injured and console relatives of the dead.

Identity
Police returned to the crash site today, searching among the bloodstained schoolbooks, pencils and shoes for clues to the victims' identities.

Many of the victims could not be easily identified, and nurses asked relatives to check clothing for identification.

"We are working with badly

mutilated bodies, some of them only limbs," said one police officer, who asked that he not be identified.

The school bus picked up the children from four schools in Ambalangoda yesterday and headed toward Uragammanhandiya, about 15 kilometres (10 miles) away.

The driver of the bus attempted to cross and unguarded railway crossing as the train was approaching when the bus engine apparently stalled, police and witnesses said.

Warning
One witness thought the driver probably could not see the train because of a light drizzle and tried to flag it down. The driver apparently ignored her warning, witnesses said.

The express train, making a 50-kilometre (30-mile) journey and travelling at about 65 kilometres (40 miles) per hour, hit the bus and knocked it about 50 metres (150 feet) down the track, they said.

The impact hurled many bus passengers into a nearby field, while others were trapped in the wreckage.

The bus driver escaped with minor injuries, and five children riding on the steps of the bus jumped out and escaped unharmed, police said.

No one on the train was hurt, police and witnesses said.



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Municipal warning to landlords

THE Minister of State for Municipality Affairs Abdulmohsen Al Rifai had issued a decision recently obliging landlords to renovate their buildings in accordance with the Kuwait Municipality specifications which has been stipulated in the Ministerial decision No. 30/85.

The decision provides that in case the owner fails to carry out the necessary renovation within the set period, the Municipality reserves the right to implement the required work at the expense of the owner.

Man killed

A 24-YEAR-OLD Iranian labourer was shot when he was working at one of the car washing stations in Shuwaikh Industrial Area. The victim who was identified as Naem Y. was taken to the hospital where he died the same day. The criminal was arrested and the gun was seized. The criminal was referred to the authorities.

Meanwhile, seven road accidents were reported in Kuwait in the last 24 hours, one in the Capital, three in Ahmadi and three in Jahra.

The most bloody accident reported was between two cars on Wafra Road. The two cars were carrying a total of 25 persons. Three were killed and the other 22 persons were injured.

Deformed baby

A RESPONSIBLE source at Jahra Hospital has revealed that a baby strangely deformed in the head was delivered last week. He added that the baby is still alive and was discharged from the hospital.

The birth took place in Kuwait for the first time and deserves study and follow up the source said. He further added that this is a one in a million birth defect.

The mother delivered her baby normally but the hospital could not offer any treatment for the baby, the source said.

He expected however, that the baby will not survive for long. The maximum period he said was one year.

Tender

THE Municipal Affairs Committee headed by the State Minister for Municipal Affairs, Mohammed Al Sayed Abdul Mehsen Al Rifai has decided to invite tenders from companies to run the industrial scrap area.

The new management should take charge of marketing, manufacturing, sales and storage.

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Foreign manpower dangerous to Gulf, warns Iraqi study

A STUDY issued by the Iraqi Ministry of Information and Culture, warns the Gulf states of the dangers of foreign manpower saying that the Gulf shows a reduction in national manpower and an increase in foreign labour.

According to statistics, in 1975 expatriate manpower in Bahrain was 40 per cent of the total, however, in the last census carried out in 1981 statistics show that nationals became a minority in the workforce.

In Qatar, nationals represented 59 per cent of the total population while in 1985 they formed 83.16 per cent of the total manpower, which meant that Qataris themselves control and carry out the most important jobs, both scientific and technical.

Fear

The study pointed out that most Arabs fear foreigners. Small Arab population was one of the reasons for importing foreign workers to carry out different developmental plans.

The Gulf states however still suffer from a shortage in national cadres and have a high percentage of dependants (that is non-productive persons), due to the absence of technological and professional education.

The survey revealed that there are a large number of immigrants, mostly Asian, who are not needed by the countries

and some are illegal.

Some infiltrated the Gulf via the sea and pilgrims often fail to leave the country at the end of their duties. Others have expired residence permits and did not renew them so as not to be sent back to their countries. Some Asians who lived in the Gulf for a long time obtained nationality.

According to the study, many of the GCC states citizens despise manual work, even if it is comfortable. The discovery of oil and economic growth should have changed some social values about manual work, however, importing foreign manpower kept values as they were.

Regulations

GCC state governments have no strict regulations to organise foreign manpower and some do not have any restrictions to control immigration and residence, which increased the problem and permitted foreigners to occupy high government administrative positions.

The study also revealed that only Kuwait, Bahrain and the UAE make regular population census.

It also revealed that an increase in foreign manpower will create demographic dangers on society. A wide difference in sex rate creates an abnormal form of relations among members of society.

Such an increase will also lead

to an increase of the number of dependants in the area, which is another form of demographic disorder, foreigners tend to live in groups and this in itself builds pressure and leads to a shortage of utilities.

The present strategic importance of the Gulf is borne on two essential elements, oil and geographical location. These elements are important on the economic, military and political levels.

One of the reasons behind the large number of foreign manpower is military despite the area's economic conditions.

The study also reveals that immigrants will remain loyal to their countries and political systems and because of that they seek to live together at specific locations.

Statistics show that such immigration is organised and supported by local and international authorities.

New schools plan

AN OFFICIAL source at the Ministry of Education has said that contacts are currently underway between the ministry and the relevant authorities at Kuwait Municipality and Ministry of Public Works for the construction of a number of new school buildings and addition of more classrooms to existing schools in Jahra and Farwaniya.

KAC offers new Pearl service

By Lima Al Khalafawi

KUWAIT Airways Corporation (KAC) will, from next Saturday, introduce its new first class service Al Lo'loa (the pearl), according to Khalid Al Duwaisan, Managing Director of Kuwait Aviation Service Company (KASCO).

He added that a Majorca pearl will be presented to each of the first class passengers as a souvenir, on the long and medium routes, such as Europe, America and the Far East. This idea, he said originated from the days of pearl diving, when a diver would present a pearl to family and friends after a successful trip.

The new first class service will offer Kuwaiti cuisine, including 10 main dishes, mainly seafood, and six kinds of desserts.

Duwaisan said KAC will now be competing with other major airlines in the annual International In-flight Catering Service Competition to be held in London from Jan 21 to 24 and they hope to win the Mercury Award, a prize given for the introduction of innovative ideas for in-flight service.

KASCO provided catering during the Islamic summit held in Kuwait in 1986, where a total of 300 meals were served per day, he added.

KASCO has netted a profit of



Khalid Al Duwaisan

KD750,000 during the last six months. The profits are expected to reach one million dinars by the end of the financial year which ends on June 30, 1989.

The official added that his company made profits due to expanding business and providing catering services to other airlines such as British Airways and Japan Airlines. Duwaisan denied that the KASCO was doing any domestic business.

Duwaisan declared that a committee, headed by the chairman of the KAC, is always keen to update and upgrade services offered to its passengers and that any comments from passengers on the new service is welcome.

Kuwait's greenhouses are torture chambers, says West German scientist

By Jadranka Porter

A WEST GERMAN scientist has criticised the technical standards of Kuwait's greenhouses saying they are "torture chambers" for plants which yield crops only with the help of chemicals.

Gerhard Reisinger of the University of Hohenheim, the Federal Republic of Germany, said the climatic conditions in the existing greenhouses in Kuwait are poor, making the plants sick. The gardeners are forced to use chemicals to keep up the production, he said.

Research

However, this could change if the project Reisinger is working on together with researchers from Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, succeeds. The five-year research project, which involves three greenhouses in Sulabiya, will rely on greater use of brackish and sea water and on solar energy to be used in water cooling and desalination.

Reisinger left Kuwait yesterday after one of the periodical visits to the Sulabiya greenhouses.

Although the three greenhouses are producing record and high quality crops the cost of running similar greenhouses on a larger scale is prohibitive.

Expenses

One of the biggest expenses is the current pad and fan cooling system. The scientists are working on replacing it with a spray cooling system which is expected to cut the water consumption by 50 per cent. It will also be able to use brackish water and will offer higher cooling efficiency, said Reisinger.

The solar energy greenhouses will have wider use only if there is a scientific breakthrough that will make photovoltaics, the process of turning the solar energy into electricity, cheaper, researchers have said earlier.

There have been reports that scientists in the West are on the verge of such a breakthrough. Reisinger is confident that Kuwait could become an exporter of vegetables and flowers in

the future. "Kuwait has the light, cheap energy resources and the market for greenhouse produce" he said.

But he warned that Kuwait should not only look for high yields but also for good quality produce.

Methods

Reisinger, who is a supporter of biological methods of growing vegetables, said that greenhouses in Europe with good technical standards can grow vegetables without using chemicals and pesticides. "If there is a plant disease we can use biological means as a cure" said Reisinger.

He disclaimed the commonly held belief that greenhouses invariably produce vegetables of inferior taste.

"With new materials which replace glass and fibre glass covers it is now possible to give the same light intensity to plants in greenhouses as that the outdoor plants are exposed to. This enhances the taste and vitamin content of vegetables," said Reisinger.

Saudis to buy 200 US armoured vehicles

WASHINGTON, Jan 18, (UPI): Prince Bandar Bin Sultan, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States, announced Jan 5 that Saudi Arabia had signed a letter of agreement to purchase 200 Bradley fighting vehicles for an estimated \$350 million.

In the announcement, released through the Saudi embassy today, the prince said the kingdom was convinced that "the Bradley is the best vehicle of its kind and it will be an important part of the modernisation of our defence forces."

The purchase marks the first

sale outside the United States of the Bradley, an armoured, tracked vehicle similar to a tank.

Congress was notified in May 1988 of the government-to-government sale, through the foreign military sales system.

The Bradley can carry an infantry squad and has a two-man turret mounting a 25mm stabilised cannon, its primary weapon, supported by two anti-tank missiles and a 7.62 coaxial machine gun.

The vehicle has six firing ports along its sides and rear.

Resignation

THE chief engineer of networks at the Ministry of Electricity and Water Saud Al Derbas has submitted his resignation, and there will be major changes in the current ministry's professional and senior staff, according to a local newspaper.

The paper said that the ministry would announce the findings of a special investigative committee assigned by the Minister, Dr Ahmad Al Rqoba to uncover the circumstances behind the recent national power failure.

Farm survey

A COMPREHENSIVE survey on Abidali and Wafra farms was conducted last week by Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, a local daily reported.

It added, that the survey was aimed at monitoring the damage to agriculture in both areas as a result of the cold wave that lashed the country, during the last few days.

Temperatures in these areas was zero Centigrade the daily said, adding that the survey showed that it was the first time that crops in greenhouses had been affected.

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A student learning the art of pottery at Bader House.

Traditional handicraft training at Bader House

KUWAIT, Jan 18, (KUNA): The Bader House, an affiliate of the Islamic Archaeology Museum, has organised training courses on Islamic and Kuwaiti crafts to stop the extinction of such art.

Assistant secretary for special projects and foreign relations in the National Museum Abdul Karim Sulaiman Al Ghabdan said in an interview with KUNA today that these courses were aimed at maintaining Islamic and Kuwaiti arts and to fill people's spare time.

He said that these training courses on crafts are a success and most of the trainees are women, who have more spare time than others.

He noted that Kuwaitis represent 50 per cent of those trainees while 25 per cent are Arabs and the other 25 per cent foreigners.

He also said that all those who train are Kuwaiti youths with high qualifications in crafts. Ghabdan said that there is a plan to display the work of trainees in Arab and non-Arab exhibitions outside Kuwait.

Meanwhile, Ghabdan paid due respect to Sheikh Hussa Al Sabah for establishing these courses and Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al Ahmed for his help in reviving such crafts. He also thanked the Information Ministry for their co-operation.



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Four UN publications introduced in Bahrain

NEW editions of some significant United Nations publications have been recently introduced by the United Schools International Arab Regional Office, Bahrain (USIARO).

The publications include "ABC of the United Nations", "United Nations Primer", "Workshop of Peace" and "Notes for Teachers on United Nations".

Jiya Lal Jain, secretary-general of USIARO and founder of USI, has authored and edited the books from Bahrain.

Jain told the Arab Times that basically the books are meant for anyone, including teachers and students, who are interested in learning about the role, objectives and ideals of the United Nations and how it works in serving the common interests of people all over the world.

"The purpose of these publications is to educate everyone on what the United Nations stands for and how it works, in a comprehensive but simple manner," said Jain.

Importance

"It is of utmost importance that the ideals of the United Nations should be taught at the roots of our society, thereby laying a strong foundation for future generations to enjoy lasting peace, stability and progress in all fields," he added.

The publications, all slim volumes, provide invaluable meticulous information on the world organisation in simple and concise prose.

"ABC of the United Nations" is a 48-page annual volume that primarily focusses on younger generations. According to the author, it is aimed at the student community around the world. In a preface to the new fifth edition he says "the international organisation should be dear to every peace-loving boy and girl. It should be cherished as the one hope of mankind for lasting peace. It deserves to be understood and appreciated by the student community who will be soon following the realities and problems of the adult world."

Reference

The compact hand-book describes vividly and with clarity the history, principles, organisation and agencies of the UN system.

"The United Nations Primer" is another invaluable source of reference on the UN designed for high school students in particular. The sixth edition "draws in sharp focus the constructive facets of the United Nations." Students and readers are urged to be inspired by the ideals of the organisation to work for justice and peace.

Published annually the 64-page volume comprises of six chapters under the following heading: Introduction, Organs of the United Nations, United Nations at work in different fields, Special bodies and specialised and related agencies.

"Workshop of Peace" is co-sponsored in collaboration with the Bahrain National Commission for Education, Science and Culture (BNCEC) at the Ministry of Education. The 50-page volume highlights regional and international developments in educational, social, cultural, economic and political activities to enhance world peace and progress in general. Apart from Jain, the volume is also edited by Dayand Edappolly and Rashid Sulayth, secretary-general of BNCEC. The book, which is published quarterly, is in its eighth edition.

Comprehensive

"Notes for Teachers on United Nations" gives a comprehensive list of countries who are members of the United Nations and its various specialised agencies.

Names of all the presidents of the General Assembly to date are mentioned along with the year of their appointment. Among other useful information include a well illustrated map showing the UN member countries around the world and significant dates, marking various important occasions, by the UN throughout the year.

Jiya Lal Jain is a leading UN enthusiast who has observed the United Nations working from close quarters right from its early days. He has written and edited around 12 other books for school students on United Nations and its family, UNESCO and general knowledge. Several of these have gone into nearly 40 editions and several translated and produced in Hindi, Telugu and Arabic. USI Arab Regional Office has so far produced nearly 35,000 copies.

USI Arab Regional Office was founded in Bahrain in 1982 with the aim to promote and develop education in the region. It is the only non-governmental United Nations supported organisation in the world. It is an offshoot of United Schools International in New Delhi, India.

Contract signed for medical equipment

THE Ministry of Public Health has signed a contract with a foreign company, for the supply of developed apparatus for testing brain and nerves, according to Ibrahim Al Mudhaf, acting undersecretary at the ministry.

In an interview with a local daily, he said that the apparatus will be delivered during this year and it will cost about KD750,000.

The equipment, he added, will be utilised for supporting other medical equipment within the ministry's hospitals, in particular Ibn Sina. He confirmed that the ministry will spare no efforts to modernise equipment in order to provide necessary health care.

Mudhaf declared that the ministry co-ordinates its efforts with its counterparts in the GCC countries, particularly in purchasing medicine and medical equipment.

He added that the ministry was securing its medical needs through tenders. The relevant tenders were announced by the Secretariat General of the Arab Health Ministers Council, and the awarding of the tender was done on the basis of prices submitted and a bid tally.

The official denied any intention to float a new tender for purchasing medicine and confirmed that the medical budget was estimated at KD22 million.

Education Ministry preparing new five-year-plan: Khodari

THE Ministry of Education is currently involved in preparing its new five-year-plan to be set in the framework of the state's general trends, according to the ministry's undersecretary, Abdul Rahman Al Khodari.

In an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), he said that the plan aims at varying high school education and expanding the credit hours system to cover more schools in Kuwait.

Khodari added that the plan also aims at modernising the

ministry's administrative system in order to play a significant role in the educational process. The official confirmed that the education sector needs to be upgraded from time to time in order to match with the country's developmental with requirements.

Meanwhile, he stressed on the importance of co-ordination between Kuwait University and the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training to meet the country's needs for graduates of different fields.

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Above and below: scenes from the musical



Alice (Katie Nugent) in Wonderland.



Lost in Wonderland

THE adventures of a little girl named Alice, splendid costumes and music drew a large crowd on the opening night of Kuwait's Players musical *Alice in Wonderland* on Tuesday night. It is being staged at the UAS, Salwa.

Over 50 costumes were made for the musical, depicting the adventures of an ordinary little girl named Alice, who falls in a rabbit hole and enters a whole

new "marvellous world, where everything is nonsense, because nothing is what it is because everything is what it isn't."

Eight-year-old Katie Nugent plays Alice. Sixteen children, including eight dancers from the Steps Studio, and 14 adults are acting in the musical, directed by Carol Jelley with music by Oliver Lister. The musical is based on Lewis Carroll's books.

Weinzettl joins Sheraton

KUWAIT Sheraton Hotel's new Resident Manager Johanna Weinzettl took up his post in December last year. This is his first assignment in the Middle East.

Weinzettl, a graduate of hotel administration from the Tourism School in Salzburg, Austria, held several positions in hotels in Germany and in 1986 he joined the Munich Sheraton as the Rooms Division Manager. In April last year, Weinzettl became a manager at the Innsbruck Sheraton.

Weinzettl says he puts a strong emphasis on guest and believes in establishing a close relation between the guests and



Johanna Weinzettl

management. The new resident manager says he has already begun to "appreciate Kuwait" and "enjoy all the advantages" the country offers.

Weinzettl is married and has a daughter.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
DAILY: 5 pm onwards:
natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT — Thurs: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Arabian Gulf St.
Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT — Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Fridays: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic art: costumes and "jewellery" from the Muslim world.

Sudu House
SAT — Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Sulfan Gallery
ANN Eid: Photographs of Kuwait, on show at the gallery, Thumayan Al Ghanem Bldg., Al Sour St. Open daily from 5-8 pm.

Iwan Gallery
EXHIBITION of lithographs by three 19th century Orientalists. Open from 9 am to 1 pm, 5 to 9 pm, at the gallery located in Zahra Complex, Salwa.

Ghadi Gallery
UNTIL JAN 24: Kuwaiti artist Awwaf Al Shabry will display a selection of her latest paintings at the gallery. It will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

Cuban art show
UNTIL JAN 24: a collection of paintings by Cuban artists is on show at the Kuwait National Museum. Open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

Kuwait Society for Formative Arts
JAN 27 to Feb 9: The Kuwait Society for Formative Arts will hold the annual general exhibition, displaying art works by Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti plastic artists.

THEATRE

Kuwait Players
Kuwait Players present *Alice in Wonderland*, a musical fantasy directed by Carol Jelley. It will be performed at the Universal American School, Salwa. Performances are as follows: Jan 25, (6.30 pm) family night, Jan 19/26: matinee (3 pm) and evening (7.30 pm), Jan 20: 3 pm, 5.30 pm, Jan 23: 5.30 pm; Madhatters Tea Party, followed by *Alice in Wonderland*, Jan 27: Final performance. Tickets — KD3 (adults) and KD2.500 (children). For reservations call 5726048, 5657749.

Funkar Arts Group
JAN 27, 5 pm: The Indian theatre group, Funkar Arts will present two one-act plays. *Bus Stop*, a comedy and *Second Trap*, a suspense drama will be performed at the IAC. A dance show will also be held.

IAC Drama Competition
IAC will hold an one-act play competition in the first half of May. All Indian groups can enter the competition. For details call 3904817 after 6.30 pm; Sharma — 2644863; Raman — 3903879.

MUSIC

Kuwait Singers
Rehearsals for the next Kuwait Singers concert will be held each Saturday and Monday from 7.30 pm at the Gulf English School. Past, current and new singers welcome. For details phone 3900922 or 5384873.

CINEMA

Children's film
JAN 25 (6 pm), Jan 26 (10.30 am): Robin Hood is the title of a film which will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya. The animals tell their version of what really happened in Sherwood Forest, as the tale of the legendary English hero and his followers unfolds in this Walt Disney film. Duration: 80 min., uibs. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.

SOCIAL

Bharathi Kalai Mandram
JAN 20: IAC, Funaites. The Bharathi Kalai Mandram, a fine arts association of the Tamil-speaking community, will celebrate the Nehru centenary and Pongal, a harvest festival. A variety show featuring classical dances, drama and music will be held. For entry passes call 5331561.

Kuwait Caledonians
FEB 2: The Caledonians will hold the Burns Night (Thursday) at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The guest from Scotland will be Jack Glenney. Tel: 5335082; 5332235; 3727691 ext. 253.

Kuwait Rondels
FEB 16: The Kuwait Rondels Grand Ball '89 will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Tickets are now available. Tel: 5337597.

HOTELS

At the International
The Spanish extravaganza continues at the Failaka Restaurant with Ballet Espanol, presented by the Paco de Alba Trio. Spanish food is also featured. The Spanish gala with classical dances such as Flamenco will be held on Jan 19.

La Palma is open for lunch and dinner from 12 noon to 3 pm. International cuisine including buffet featuring hors d'oeuvres buffet, hot buffet and desserts.

The Failaka Restaurant features lunch and dinner. The menu offers international cuisine. In the evenings, the all-ladies group from Poland, the Soft Trio, will entertain guests.

MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go."

At the Continental
GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch. Durbars: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

At the Ramada
AL BENDAR Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Thursday's is BBQ Night at Le Mirage Night Club, with full buffet and entertainment by the

AL ARZZ BAND

The Friday Family Brunch introduces cartoon characters on the ship's discovery; train tour of the hotel's garden and waterfront.

The Marina Takeaway Counter features a selection of sandwiches and snacks, 4 to 11 pm.

At the Meridien

UNTIL JAN 26: Apple promotion at Al Fingana Tea Lounge; items on the menu include cocktails, cakes and pies.

Every Sunday: Mexican Night at La Brasserie. A wide selection of Mexican dishes are offered; menu includes tacos, nachos, paella and refried beans; live entertainment.

Versailles: offers a new concept in dining, featuring a selection of grilled seafood, meat or fish fondue and other dishes, open for lunch and dinner. Businessman's lunch is also featured.

Every Thursday is Jam Session at La Brasserie, featuring Remy D'Mello. Friday's, there is family fun with Oriental buffet and music.

At the SAS
AL BUSTAN Friday Brunch: for families from 11.30 am to 3 pm, highlights include music by Polish duo Danuta and Feliks and video corner for kids.

Peacock Room: Chinese meals prepared by chef Von Kwee Kiong. The menu features fried wonton, sautéed diced chicken with cashew nut and steak Chinese style.

Al Boom: "New Taste of the Week" prepared by chef Peter D. Zobrist. Appetizers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.

At the Pullman
ELYSEES Restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shallah Coffee Shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.

SPORTS

Football Tournament
JAN 20: Rising Stars seven-a-side one-day football tournament will be held at Al Sour Ground. Teams wishing to participate can contact Lawrence — Tel: 4832409/2657293; Eric — Tel: 3262800/5650466.

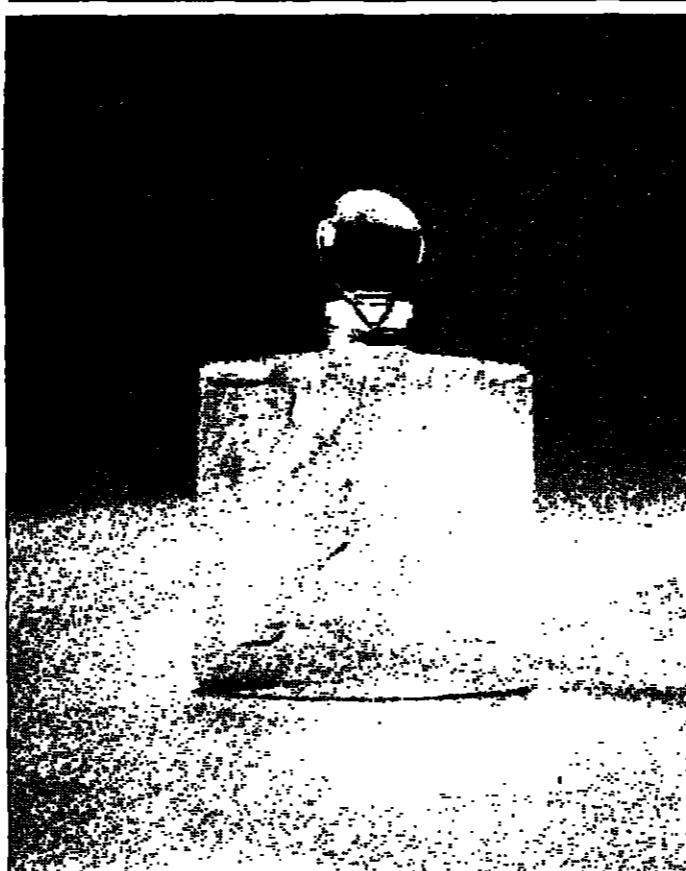
Ahmedi Kart Racing
JAN 20: Kart racing starts at Ahmedi KOC track at 1.30 pm. Gates open to spectators. Entrance: 500 fils. All are welcome.

PBAK Elections
JAN 20: 6 pm. The Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait will hold their annual general elections. All PBAK members are requested to attend. For details call Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 4843447.

Second Filipino non-pro bowling
JAN 20: 8.30 am: Zamboanga City vs Paranaque; San Juan vs Valenzuela; 11.30 am: Manila vs Las Pinas; Caloocan City vs Quezon City; 2.30 pm: Mandalayong vs Baguio City; Cavite City vs Makati.

The tournament has been jointly sponsored by Dollarco and Holiday Inn.

Laser Sailing
FEB 3: Start of Messilah Beach laser club's spring series. Laser owners and others interested are welcome. For details contact David Clark: 4845171/2425947; P. Shepherd — 4845153/5314957; P. Berry — 3924174.



● Ombre Bleue, a new perfume created by Jean-Charles Brosseau, is recently launched in the Kuwait market. Brosseau says his perfume is designed to "define a woman's individuality". It is a mixture of jasmine, rose, vanilla, geranium and a cocktail of exotic fruits such as mango, papaya and coconut and has a "modern fruity floral" aroma. Above: the perfume.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Twinkle Twinkle Lucky Stars
Starring: Jackie Chan

Al Sabiya
Funoon centre performance

Al Hamra
The Come Back
Starring: Holly Palance, Jack Jones

Drive-In
Yom Mar Yom Helu (Arabic)
Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Muncer

Al Firdous
Paap Ko Jala Kar Raakh Kar Doonga (Hindi)
Starring: Dharmendra, Anita Raj, Govinda, Farah

Fahabehel Open-Air
Pushpamala (Bengali)
Al Jabra
Asfor Al Sharq (Arabic)

Granada
Ninja Force

Salaibikhat
Athunumappuram (Malayalam)

Al Jleeb
Saar Saal Baad (Hindi)



Govinda stars in the Hindi film now showing at the Al Firdous cinema.

Ahmedi Drive-In
Zoj Taht Al Taib (Arabic)

FRIDAY
Al Jabra
Tiger Shark

Granada
Project 'A'

Salaibikhat
C.O.D.

Al Jleeb
Bulandi (Hindi)

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: cartoon serial
9.45 Tum Tek Wa Afal
10.15 Documentary/Varieties
10.45 Return from the Country: English film; starring Jim Burton, Gilbert Fisher

12.00 Al Zankalooni: Arabic serial
1.00 News
1.05 World today via satellite
1.40 Festival of Music: directed by Hassan Sarab

2.30 Sports in a Week: a weekly programme focussing on local and world sports.

4.45 Cartoons

5.15 Liqa Al Khamis: variety show

7.00 News Summary

7.05 From People's Art

7.30 Showjumping: local equestrian events

8.30 Ma'a Al Islam: prepared and presented by Dr Khalid Al Madhkour

9.00 News

10.00 TV network: prepared and presented by Abdul Rahman Najjar

11.00 Laila Al Kabd Ala Bakaiza wa Zaghloul: Arabic film; starring Suhair Babli, Yusuf Shaban, Issad Yunus, Wahid Saif, Ahmad Rateb

12.15 Akhtarna Lakum: "We present ..."

1.15 News summary

1.20 World today via satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran

9.15 Cartoons

9.45 Children's Magazine

10.15 Fayez Al Tush: Arabic serial, featuring Ghanem Slaith, Abdul Aziz Jassim.



T and T, on KTV 2 tonight.

11.00 Ahadith Mauduwa: religious programme

11.15 Friday prayer

12.30 Alwan: prepared by Mohammad Saeed

1.00 News

1.05 World today via satellite

1.35 Istara: religious talk

2.00 We and Our Friends

2.15 Hadith Deeni: religious talk

2.45 Cartoons

3.15 Zameen Aasman: Hindi film; starring Shashi Kapoor, Raakhee

5.00 Kaifa Wa Akhwat: prepared and presented by Shareef Al Ilmi

6.00 Kuwait in a Week

7.00 News Summary

7.15 KTV 1 Programmes Preview

7.45 Al Usrah: "The Family," Fatima Rashid and Futuoh Al Dalal discuss the role of the family in Arab society.

8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: weekly religious talk

9.00 News

10.00 Wrestling

10.45 Amsiya Al Jumaa: weekly local programme, prepared and presented by Mohammad Al Barges

11.45 News summary

11.50 World today via satellite

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 The Real Ghost Busters: cartoon serial

6.30 Fairy Tale Theatre: "Hans and Gretel."

7.30 T and T: Mr. T plays a tough streetwise private eye and his partner is a crusading lawyer, Amanda Taylor

8.00 News in English

8.40 The Oldest Rookie: Paul Sorvino plays a detective Porter in this police thriller. Tonight, the policemen chase men accused of committing several crimes.

9.40 Incredible Sunday: a programme on the lines of That's Incredible. Tonight's stories are on training dogs to sniff drugs; the story of a courageous girl who performs in a circus despite her handicap.

10.30 Late Night Movie: "Full Circle, Again." The story of a scientist's obsession with research

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY

3.30 Holy Quran

3.40 The Sylvanian Family: new cartoon feature for children

4.00 Italian Football

5.30 American Basketball

6.30 Star Trek: the starship Enterprise searches for a lost cargo ship

7.30 Face to Face: a new feature for young viewers

8.00 News in English

8.40 Breaking Away

8.55 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore introduces this sports show on English League games

9.40 Weekend: local programme on news and views about Kuwait.

10.00 The Charmings: "Modern Romance." Comedy. Lillian and Luther place bets on who will make friends with the best-looking partner.

10.30 Desperado: thriller. Kidnap is the theme of tonight's episode.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Istiqlal Pharmacy
Safat Square
Al Salam Pharmacy
Mubarak Al Kabir St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Andalus Pharmacy
Zaid Al Sarhan Bldg., Tunis St.
Salamiya and Rumaitiya
Dena Pharmacy
Shua Al Sabah Bldg., Amman St.
Fahabehel and Ahmedi
Al Sheba Pharmacy
F'heel
Jleeb Al Shiyoohk
Al Razi Pharmacy
Qitab 17, Qasima 14
Jahra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
Opp. Co-operative Society

FRIDAY

Kuwait
Al Hafez Pharmacy
Souk Wagef, Salah Al Din St.
Al Ghanim Pharmacy
nr. Carlton, Fahd Al Salem St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Hina Pharmacy
Nagra Comm. Centre, Beirut St.
Salamiya and Rumaitiya
Al Nahda Pharmacy
Baghdad St.
Fahabehel and Ahmedi
Al Fulaj Pharmacy
Makkah St., F'heel
Jleeb Al Shiyoohk
Palestine Pharmacy
Main St.
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Abdulaziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

PRAYERS

Fajr	5.20 am
Zuhr	11.59
Asr	2.56 pm
Maghreb	5.15
Isha	6.36
FRIDAY	
Fajr	5.20 am
Friday Prayer	11.59
Asr	2.57 pm
Maghreb	5.16
Isha	6.37

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

ALWAYS do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest — Mark Twain, US writer-humorist (1835-1910).

Fear still grips Sri Lankan town

By Feisal Samath

ANGUNAKOLAPELASSA, Sri Lanka, (Reuters): Three months after left-wing guerrillas left a trail of destruction in this southern Sri Lankan town, people are back on the streets and shops are in business.

Farmers work in rain-swept rice fields, students dash to the playground after classes. Peace has returned to Angunakolapellasa, a stronghold of the left-wing People's Liberation Front (JVP).

But fear still grips the residents of the agricultural outpost, 230 km (140 miles) south of Colombo.

Strangers are viewed with suspicion. "Who is he? What is he doing here," a man asks a resident who spoke to me earlier.

The government says things have returned to normal in the south since Ranasinghe Premadasa won last month's presidential election as the ruling party's candidate.

Premadasa promised to restore the peace shattered by Tamil and Sinhalese guerrillas on the Indian Ocean island and to ensure smooth parliamentary elections on Feb 13.

"A new era of peace has begun," a government official said.

Emergency

On Wednesday, Premadasa ended a state of emergency in force for more than five years to contain a campaign by minority Tamils for a separate state and more recently to answer the JVP threat. The Defence Ministry said security had improved.

Half an hour after the emergency ended at midnight, JVP gunmen struck. Two soldiers and a civilian driver were killed and four soldiers wounded in an ambush at Hingana, a short distance away.

On Friday at least seven people, many of whom have worked during the election, were killed in the south. Four more died on Saturday. The Front, blamed for the murders of more than 800 government supporters in the past year, had threatened to kill voters.

A security official at Matara to the west said the JVP was likely to regroup and relaunch its campaign of terror and destruction because security had been relaxed.

The scars of JVP violence are still visible. Uprooted telephone poles and broken cables lay on the roadside as reminders of the pre-election unrest.

Growing lore of Palestinian uprising

By Sharon Waxman

NABLUS, West Bank, (Reuters): The pillowcase where Ahmed Mashharawi rested his bloodied head before he was buried is framed in his family's living room, surrounded by plaques with his picture and Palestinian flag.

The room is like a shrine and the pillowcase is marked with a wavy blood stain that looks like Arabic writing.

Believers say God miraculously caused letters to appear and that they read: "Shuhadat Allah, Allahu Akbar" (Martyr of God, God is Great).

Mashharawi died after an Israeli soldier shot him in the head in October during unrest in his neighbourhood. Friends said he was carrying an outlawed Palestinian flag.

The 13-month-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has given birth to a host of such stories, anchored in popular belief.

As strikes, curfew and daily confrontations with the Israeli Army permeate Palestinians' lives, the folklore of the uprising has taken root and spread.

Here are other examples: A Palestinian baby was born in Kuwait in October with his fingers stubbornly stuck in the "V" for victory sign flashed by Arab children in the occupied territories as a sign of protest.

Mohamed Abu Aker, 17, shot and critically wounded in the stomach during a demonstration in Deheshleh refugee camp in August, defies medical logic by living with virtually no intestines.

Residents of the village of Beit

The Front opposed an accord signed in July 1987 by Sri Lanka and India to end a Tamil separatist rebellion and threatened government workers and disrupted essential services.

Hospitals, post offices and transport was halted and food supplies came to a standstill. Troops were used to drive buses, supply food and restore power supplies.

The Matara official said: "The JVP are at an advantage now with the lifting of the emergency. If they restart their campaign, we would find it difficult to stop them."

"They are planning to disrupt next month's election by asking people to boycott the poll and students to join their protest."

Searches

Troops in southern areas have stayed inside their camps since Wednesday. "Searches for rebels have stopped, road blocks and checkpoints have been removed. We can only assist the police to maintain law and order," he said.

This was evident to travellers on the journey from Colombo to Hambantota.

Two months ago, the towns were crawling with soldiers and policemen. There is no sign of them now.

The Matara official said rebel activity diminished after the election because more than 500 suspected JVP members were detained in a month-long security sweep in the south.

Most of the suspects have been released since the emergency was lifted.

Killings continue in northern and eastern areas where more than 50,000 Indian troops are battling the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the biggest rebel group, who rejected the pact.

Indian officials have said security will not be relaxed despite the lifting of the emergency.

The Tigers on Friday called for a boycott of the election and accused three former militant groups, who formed an alliance to contest the poll with a moderate Tamil political party, of betraying the cause.

Angunakolapellasa residents said the JVP had wide support among the town's students.

"This is the worst affected area in the district and though things are quiet, the JVP is still there watching and waiting," a journalist said.

"People speak in whispers to travellers. 'The JVP knows when strangers are in town and whom they meet,' the journalist said, looking over my shoulder at curious onlookers.

Helping the airlines

SIR: For the Civil Aviation Department to state that air fares will be increased from April 1 to provide better services to passengers is nothing but hogwash. Could they specify in what way service will be improved? Whether by enforcing 20 kg baggage allowance or by grossly limiting passengers' hand luggage? From passengers' point of view it is a "tails you win, heads I lose" situation.

When there is so much talk about co-operation and

unification among the GCC states, why don't the airlines of these countries get together and unify their prices? But it will never be done as this will be detrimental to the Kuwait Airways because tickets even of KAC are much cheaper in Dubai, Amman and Bahrain than they are in Kuwait.

Laws should be made for the good of the majority and not for a handful of business operators. When the Civil Aviation clamped down on KAC and two other airlines last year for trying to increase their fares, people were ecstatic in their praise for the department. Now the bouquets will turn into brickbats and only airlines' people and travel agents smile.

S. Samtani, Safat.

A logical appeal

SIR: Vincent De Souza's appeal for a review of Indian customs free baggage allowance is timely and pertinent.

This merits immediate attention of all Indian associations and full backing of the Indian embassy. An appeal should then be made to the concerned authorities through members of parliament.

If, however, for any reason this appeal does not evoke any response from the Indian associations in Kuwait, then De Souza should initiate a movement and I am confident all Indians will rally behind him.

The Indian government in the name of foreign technology extends wide range of import facilities to business tycoons. Hence, the demand of non-resident Indians, who substantially help the country is logical.

Alexander M. Fernandes, Salmiya.

Let history judge Bhutto

SIR: I refer to Saqib Khali's letter "Bhutto is not a martyr," (AT, Jan 12-13) where he objects to the former Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto being called a martyr on the grounds that he was executed as a "convicted murderer."

It's not necessary for Benazir to go to the courts and have her father's name cleared. Let history and public opinion be the judge, not courts whose decisions are too often influenced by political expediency.

Nazli Akbar, Safat.

Untrained newscasters

SIR: I am surprised that Syed Manzar Alam found only four words wrongly pronounced. That's the minimum for every news reader.

This is because KTV news readers are not trained for their jobs. Love of money makes even officers of ministries and banks look for part-time work at nights at KTV 2.

They are also not selected on merit. Friendship, for example at bridge clubs, is the criterion. Often the newscasters dress in extra bright colours (especially ladies) and make it difficult to look at the screen.

I hope the new labour law will eliminate these part-time workers especially in the news media.

Phillip Innes, Safat.

Callous doctors

SIR: I bring to your attention the callous nature of some doctors in government hospitals.

On Dec 13, last year, I took my friend, who had severe cough and fever for four days, to the Fahheel clinic. Unfortunately my friend was treated by a doctor, who was quite indifferent.

When we entered into the room, the doctor tried to avoid us. By the time we started explaining about the sickness, the prescription was ready. He didn't even use a stethoscope or bother to touch the patient. I wonder how without a preliminary examination the doctor can know about the disease of a patient.

When I told my friends about it, all of them said they had similar experiences too and that is what precisely is to be expected from government clinics.

I believe that Zahed Matar is

the right person to raise this issue with the concerned authorities. It will definitely help a lot of poor ailing patients.

Siddique Vallyakath, Safat.

Excellent Tamil play

SIR: The Tamil play staged at the Indian Arts Circle on Jan 6 was extremely good. I have not seen a Tamil play staged in Kuwait during the last 10 years. The play had many positive points.

It started punctually, which is a rare achievement. The scene settings and stage management were of high standard. Though there were many acts, the scene changes were incredibly fast.

All the artists performed well. However, the priest's father Arumai Nayagam, lawyer Satyanarayana, his wife Pankajam and villain Arogyasami performed exceptionally well.

At times it appeared to be a professional show. The team should keep up the spirit and should present more plays, at least once in six months. Three cheers to the director, C.K.V. Raman.

II

SIR: During my stay of seven years in Kuwait I have not seen a Tamil play of such high standard. For a moment I felt I was back in India, watching a drama staged by professionals.

Seldom we come across such good presentation, performance and direction. The father's acting was superb, followed by that of Satyanarayana, Pankajam and Arogyasami. The scene settings



were very beautiful and appropriate.

The scene changes did not bore the audience. The performers set a precedent by staging a good play. All the credits go to the director C.K.V. Raman. We expect many more good plays from them in future.

Balachandran, Salmiya.

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SIR: For a long time the Tamil community in Kuwait has been longing for good programmes and the staging of C.K.V. Raman's "Unnaiyee unni vana" has satisfied that urge.

The drama acted better than professionals. The acting of driver Thomas and Raman was excellent. The emotional scene of Masila Mani was unforgettable. The audience did not move from their seats till the end of the drama. On behalf of the Tamil community in Kuwait I congratulate the entire troupe for staging a good play.

Kader S.M., Safat.

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Reagan leaves office after lambasting the 'Washington colony'

By Charlotte Salkowski

WASHINGTON, Exit: Ronald Reagan, government basher. Enter: George Bush, government stroker.

As the President leaves office lambasting the "Washington colony," the President-elect is sending signals that suggest he will be more accommodating. His overtures to Congress, fence-mending with political rivals and special-interest groups, and cabinet lineup all suggest that the country could be in for a new era of conciliation and bipartisanship.

"It's a strange phenomenon that the Bush administration may wind up being more popular with the Democratic majority on the Hill and less so with Republicans," says John Sears, a former Reagan campaign official and GOP consultant.

Bush has put together a cabinet characterized by a number of features:

● There are relatively few "new kids on the block." Most of the department nominees have substantial Washington experience, having been involved either with the Reagan administration or previous Republican administrations. So there will be continuity and less time wasted getting acquainted with the issues and processes of government.

● By contrast with Reagan's cabinet, which reflected some sharp internal differences of view, the Bush cabinet is comprised largely of people of pragmatic, centrist, more moderate

orientation like Secretary-of-State-designate James Baker III. There should, therefore, be more unanimity of thinking.

● The selection of Jack Kemp to be secretary of housing and urban development is a concession to the conservative right and to "Main Street" Republicanism (Kemp ardently urges dealing with poverty and other urban problems). But many key players, including Secretary of the Treasury Nicholas Brady and Commerce Secretary-designate Robert Mosbacher are more Wall Street-style Republicans, who are sceptical of the right.

Many were also children of privilege, educated in elite schools and Ivy League colleges.

● The cabinet and cabinet-level appointments have diversity and mix. There are two women (Carla Hills as US special trade representative and Elizabeth Dole as secretary of labour), one black (Dr Louis Sullivan as secretary of health and human services), and two Hispanics (Lauro Cavazos as secretary of education and Rep Manuel Lujan as secretary of the interior). There are also a number with experience in the Congress, including Representative Lujan, former Rep. Edward Derwinski, who will be secretary of veterans affairs; and former Sen John Tower, named to be secretary of defence.

Some political analysts sug-

gest that there is a two-tier cabinet, with white males named to the dominant positions and women, a black, and other minorities filling posts that traditionally have less influence and power.

"There's an 'inner cabinet' and 'outer cabinet,'" says presidential scholar Thomas Cronin, who uses these phrases in his book "The State of the Presidency." "Bush knows his inner circle well but not the others as much."

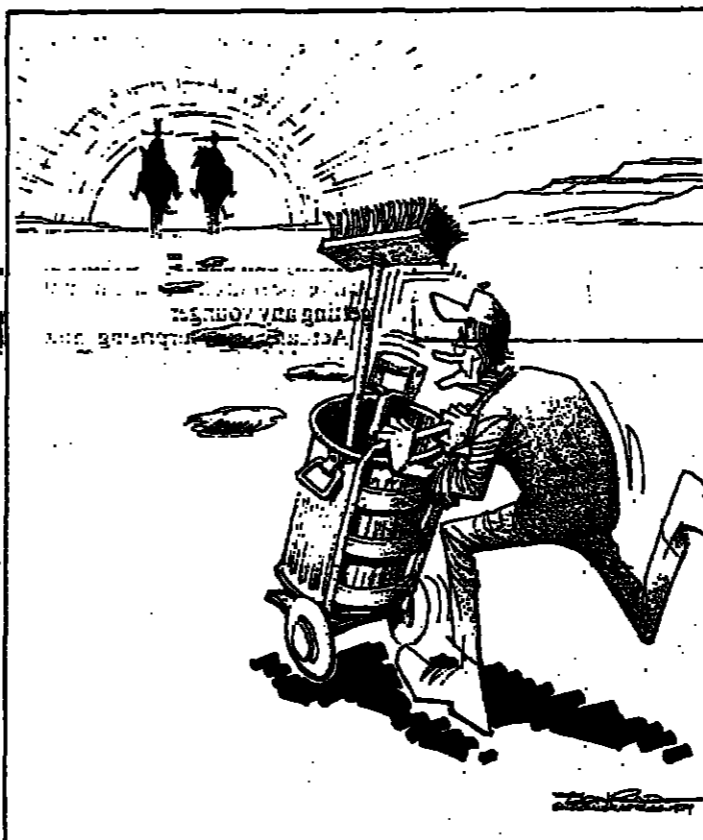
Peaceful

Jefferson, too, was the first president to use an inaugural address to recognise the emerging party system — "We are all Republicans; we are all federalists," he said in his first address — and to urge harmony following a bitterly disputed election.

But it was not until Lincoln, in his first inaugural address in 1861, that a specific reference to a party platform is made, when Lincoln cited the fledgling Republican Party's pledge not to interfere with rights of states to "to order and control its own domestic institutions," a reference to the South's system of slavery.

Over the years, the inaugural address has come to set the tone of an administration, linking the incoming president with his predecessors, and it is likely that that of George Bush, coming precisely 200 years later in the tradition, will do no less.

Critics have generally considered the best speeches to be the shortest. Washington's second ran only four sentences and 135



words while Franklin Roosevelt's fourth was a mere 528 words.

John Kennedy's 1,300 word speech, in which he announced that "the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans," is also considered a classic of brevity and style.

William Henry Harrison, who served the shortest term in office — just a month after his March 4, 1841, inaugural — delivered the longest inaugural address, a dense 16-page treatise on the separation of powers that took more than an hour to deliver and, for the first time, raised the issue of limiting the president's tenure to one term.

Reverential

Underlining America's civil religion that links the nation's destiny with transcendent purposes, the most common theme running through the 200 years of speeches, is the invocation or reverential reference to some form of transcendent, whether it be the "Christian God" of John Adams, the "deist providence" of Thomas Jefferson or the vague "giver of good," as Theodore Roosevelt defined it.

Almost as pervasive a touchstone is the theme, first sounded by Thomas Jefferson in 1805 at his second inaugural, and more recently by Ronald Reagan, of what Reagan in 1981 called "our punitive tax burden." Even then criticizing his government, Jefferson told his fellow citizens, "the suppression of unnecessary offices, of useless establishments

Bush bridled when asked about this at a recent news conference.

"I think that's crazy," the President-elect said. "Absolutely absurd. And I think it's denigrating to the labour movement to suggest that the health problems of this country to suggest that, the great conservation problems of this country to suggest that, and all the great transportation needs of the country to suggest that..."

However the lines of influence emerge, Bush has picked people who are problem-solvers and do not view government with distaste. "The cabinet is based on people who are much like Bush himself — they have an interest in governing," comments Roger Porter, a former Reagan aide.

Although the conservative right is worried that Bush may become too accommodating, the President-elect has won wide-spread bipartisan approval of his cabinet choices and more benign approach to government.

"The mean-spiritedness of the campaign is not the real Bush," says Dr Cronin, a Democrat. "If you read the George Bush that ran in '80 he's not a strident, grandstanding ideologue."

Democratic lawmakers, for their part, are making conciliatory noises, voicing hope the Bush administration will open the way for more bipartisanship.

Respect

"Fundamentally the difference will be a basic regard and respect for the legislative branch on the part of Bush," House Speaker Jim Wright said recently. "He's more inclined to be accommodating and practical than rigid and inflexible and ideological... Bush is wise enough to choose things that work and I think he's wise enough to listen."

A Washington insider virtually his whole life, Bush clearly has thought about cabinet government and how it should function. For example, he has removed the posts of UN ambassador and director of the Central

Intelligence Agency from his cabinet ranks.

During the campaign and since, he has also conveyed respect for public servants, an attitude which is expected to affect appointments to sub-cabinet and lower-level posts, including assistant secretaries. President Reagan sparked criticism from moderate Republicans as well as Democrats, both because he made such a large number of political appointments, and because the individuals picked were often ideologues who had little professional knowledge and rode roughshod over the bureaucracy.

There are indications that the Bush presidency will operate differently. For instance, Chief of Staff, Bush's aide in charge of personnel, has met with Elliot Richardson, a former cabinet officer, and others interested in bolstering the civil service, which has been suffering erosion and demoralization. The Christian Science Monitor.

The Bush and Quayle oaths

WASHINGTON, (UPI): Following are the oaths that will be administered on Friday to President-elect George Bush and Vice-President-elect Dan Quayle on inauguration day.

Bush: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States."

Quayle: "I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1493 — France and Spain sign Treaty of Barcelona; Maximilian, king of the Romans, saves Germany from French invasion at battle of Salinas.
1649 — Trial of England's King Charles I begins.
1795 — French forces overrun Holland.
1812 — British forces under Duke of Wellington take Ciudad Rodrigo in Spain.
1859 — France and Sardinia sign treaty of alliance.
1918 — Bolsheviks dissolve Russian constitutional assembly in Petrograd.
1938 — General Francisco Franco's Nationalist Air Force bombs Spanish cities of Barcelona and Valencia, killing 700 people.
1945 — Soviet troops take Cracow, Poland, in World War II.
1956 — Sudan joins Arab League as ninth member.
1960 — United States and Japan sign treaty of mutual security.
1966 — India's new Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, pledges to follow path of nonalignment in world affairs.
1974 — Five Russians, including a senior diplomat and two other members of Soviet embassy staff, are expelled from China on charges of espionage.
1975 — Britain and Irish Republican Army announce first direct negotiations since start of guerrilla activity in Northern Ireland five years earlier.
1988 — Czech government rules out any chance that ousted Communist Party leader Alexander Dubcek be allowed to return to public life.

ONE of the busiest periods for marriage counsellors is directly after a presidential election. Nerves are raw and the wounds are deep.

That's the way it was when the Clydesteins walked into Dr Orange Gimlet's office.

"What seems to be the trouble?" asked Dr Gimlet. "I'm finished with this marriage," Mrs Clydestein told him. "I decided I can't stand the heat and I want to get out of the kitchen."

"What did he do wrong?"

"Well, for starters, every time we've gone somewhere during the last three months he's called me by my 'L' name."

Mr Clydestein said, "I only called her the 'L' name during the Republican Convention when she jumped up and down on our bed and shouted, 'Where was George?'"

Dr Gimlet reassured them, "So far you sound like a very normal couple. I haven't heard anything to warrant a split-up."

"He's a brute," Mrs Clydestein said. "I asked him what if a store clerk took my credit card and forgot to return it, should that salesman get the death penalty? Mr Conservative responded that there was

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Marriage blending

no other choice. I don't want to spend the rest of my life with someone who is so lacking in compassion for his fellow man."

"And I don't want to live with a bleeding heart," Mr Clydestein added. "She claims that the only reason Willie Horton got into so much trouble was because Dan Quayle refused to play golf with him on weekends."

Dr Gimlet said, "There seems to be a slight ideological breakdown between the two of you. Can you pinpoint the moment when you started drifting apart?"

Mr Clydestein answered, "I had my first suspicions when she refused to recite the Pledge of Allegiance before the Monday night football games."

"Some women are like that," Dr Gimlet said. "It doesn't necessarily make them disloyal wives."

"I cannot remember a day when she offered to salute the flag voluntarily," Clydestein told Gimlet. "How could I?" Mrs

Clydestein asked her husband. "You slept in it all the time. Whenever I put my hand over your chest you said, 'Get your arm off Old Glory. It's my flag and I paid for it.'"

By now Mrs Clydestein was in tears. "He never understood my stand on the environment. Every time he disagreed with me, he told me that if I didn't like it to go water skiing in Boston Harbour."

Dr Gimlet said, "This is starting to sound serious. There could be a negative element here much deeper than mere politics."

"There is," added Mrs Clydestein. "It's a question of competence. Things really fell apart for us when I mentioned to my husband that I didn't want to be married to a man who got turned on by dirty commercials."

Mr Clydestein said, "All she has against Bush is his shrillness. If she listened to what his handlers had to say, instead of reading George's lips, she would know what Bush will do for



this country."

Dr Gimlet told them, "All right, I've heard your passionate pleas, and I must say that each of you has strong arguments. But the election is over and whether you like it or not, you both have to live with the same President for the next four years. This means that you must forget all the cheap shots and think about the kinder, gentler world that George Bush promised every American. Are you prepared to do this?"

Mr Clydestein replied, "I'm willing to try if she will just stop yelling when she goes to bed. Don't forget to turn out the thousand points of light, dummy."

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

By Linda Gillard

WELL, it only took me 30 years to get around to it. I'm not one to rush into things, you understand. I wait until the moment is ripe before making my leaps into the unknown.

I am now the proud wearer of a pair of soft contact lenses and I am going to tell you within hearing distance of my enthusiasm for this miraculous invention.

They never thought I'd do it you see (frankly, neither did I), and yet here I am with nothing between me and the outside world but two slivers of plastic.

My eyes are not red, they don't water, nor do I look as if I am trying to send a message in morse code using the blink reflex.

In fact, I would venture to say, that you would not know I was wearing them — at least you wouldn't if I could keep my mouth shut about them for five minutes.

Everyday there is a new "first" for me. The other day I had a shower with my lenses in. (Not an experience I would recommend wholeheartedly — I can live without seeing my cellulite in sharp focus.)

Then there was the moment when I looked up from the table having inserted my lenses for the first time and saw myself in the mirror, clearly and from a distance, without make-up, red-eyes and blinking.

I was a moment of truth I shall never forget. Had there been an orchestra present it would have played *Also sprach Zarathustra*.

I am now having to come to terms with myself as others see me. I can now see what my husband wakes up with every morning and I think he deserves a medal.

You see I have been very short-sighted all my life so I have led a sheltered existence. First thing in the morning and last thing at night my eyes have drawn a tactful veil over the shortcomings of my appearance and so I am forming a brand new acquaintance with open pores, wrinkles and flaking skin.

One of the virtues of large-framed, tinted spectacles — and there are not many — is that they disguise a large portion of your face.

For the last 20 years I have believed that the only thing stan-

Clear vision



ding between me and Robert Redford was my specs, and that were I to remove them he — and doubtless many others — would fall at my feet.

With the arrival of lenses, however, I realise that the main thing wrong with my face is my face. I hadn't realised that my glasses concealed the shadows under my eyes and broke up the lines of my overlarge nose and too-long face.

Oh, yes, it has been a time of reckoning in the household. I confronted myself in the mirror and examined the bags under my eyes. Perhaps I would look better if I smiled? Sadly, no. The bags merely gathered up under my eyes like festoon blinds. Never mind, the worst is over. I have faced the Awful Truth, now all I have to do is learn to live with it. After all, what is physical beauty? A mere bauble. What has it ever done for Meryl Streep?

By now you may be wondering why I am so enthusiastic about my lenses. Have I simply discovered a streak of latent masochism in my psyche?

No, the advantages do in fact outweigh the disadvantages. To begin with — and this is my most surprising discovery — they are far more comfortable than my glasses. In a favourable environment (i.e. not too hot or dry) I cannot feel them at all. My glasses slid down my nose constantly

and I was conscious of them sitting on my ears even after 30 years' wear.

I could see them too and my world was framed by ovals of pinky-brown plastic which of course also limited the range of my vision. On the grounds of comfort alone I would not return to my glasses.

I had expected that I would have to accustom myself to the sensation of having a mote in my eye — or even a plank — but that has not been the case. My awareness of them is minimal, even at the end of the day. (This could lead to problems. I can imagine that it would be easy to forget to take them out at night. This would not be disastrous for my eyes, but it is not recommended.)

The lenses are so light that they are difficult to see and feel, either in their case or in my eyes. Momentarily distracted one day while I was putting them on, I thought I had one lens in and the other out. Then I realised that I had neither lens in and only one in the case. Panic ensued while we looked for the missing lens and I poked about in my eye trying to see if it was actually there. We eventually found it on carpet. That's how comfortable they are.

Now I can also see to put my make-up on. Yes, it is possible to apply eyeshadow and mascara after inserting the lenses, although powder eyeshadow is not

recommended. Now there is some point in this artistic endeavour because people can actually see my handiwork. In fact, I have learned that I have to wear far less eye make-up now that my eyes are not obscured by a quarter of an inch of tinted glass.

Another delightful spin-off is that I feel I can wear a wider variety of clothes. I have never gone in for glamorous evening wear — Scarlett O'Hara ballgowns and *Dynasty* glitter — because I thought the overall effect would be ruined by my glasses.

Glamour for me hitherto has been jeans and a clean T-shirt. Now I am raring to go — over the top most probably — but I don't care. I've spent years waiting for someone to remove my glasses, ruffle my hair and say "Gosh, but you're beautiful," and I'm not getting any younger.

Actually, it's surprising how exposed I feel having cast off my spectacles. I realise how much of a screen my glasses were, useful for concealing boredom, irritation and general mental vacancy. I now feel exposed to public scrutiny and it's not a comfortable feeling, but merely temporary. I'm sure.

As for the actual routine of lens wearing, almost everyone who doesn't wear lenses shudders and exclaims: "Oh, I couldn't poke about in my eyes like that!" Certainly, I felt a little squeamish myself to begin with. However it looks far worse than it really is. I have suffered far more discomfort poking myself in the eye with a mascara brush.

Lenses are not for the half-hearted, even the ultra-comfortable soft lenses. They are not cheap to buy or maintain. The lenses themselves need replacing about every two years, but in price they compare favourably with a pair of glasses. If you replace your glasses every couple of years as some people do this is not a major consideration.

The leaflet that came with my lenses offers the following advice: "Don't have soft lenses if you cannot afford the time or money to look after them properly." I would go along with that.

My eyes have waited 30 years for their liberation. Well, better late than never.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

MENTAL DISORDER RESULTS IN MULTIPLE PERSONALITIES

QUESTION: After watching a recent television show about a person with several different personalities, I began to wonder if such people really exist. It made for interesting watching, but the whole thing seemed quite bizarre. Would you please provide some clarifications?

ANSWER: It's a fascinating area of mental care, and yes, such patients do exist. The condition is called Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD) and reports of such cases are appearing with ever-increasing frequency in medical literature.

Perhaps the expanding number is the result of more clearly defined guidelines that make the diagnosis a bit easier, but by no means simple. One of four conditions in the class of dissociative disorders, the patient with MPD will display characteristics and expressions of separate and different personalities or identities.

Each personality has its own story and life experiences, but will not remember the events that occurred in another identity's existence. Physicians may use four types of signs to help identify such patients: physiological, psychological, behavioural

and environmental.

For example, when there is a history of wide ranges in blood pressure, or blood sugar levels from visit to visit (physiological findings), physicians may be alerted to the possibility of MPD. Psychological signs include significant time lapses or lack of memory for past serious illnesses.

A patient's behaviour may manifest changes by alterations in voice tone or sound, or the way he or she stands or walks. Environmental signs are sought in the history of traumatic life events, child abuse or changes in home situations and locations. The treatment of such complex disorders requires specially trained individuals who can understand and deal with the particular needs of these complicated patients.

QUESTION: I recently had the same examination as President Reagan, and doctors discovered that I also have polyps in my colon. My doctor removed them. Does this mean they are cancerous?

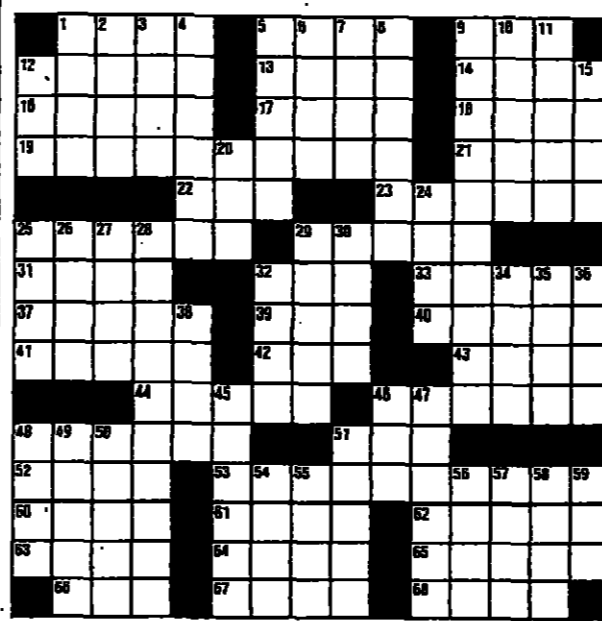
ANSWER: You and many others share this condition with the president. Polyps of the colour are most commonly found in the

digestive tract. There are two types of polyps, pedunculated (attached by a thin stem or stalk) or sessile (attached to the wall of the intestine by a broad base). Although they occur as a single lesion in most patients, some individuals with an inherited syndrome may have literally hundreds of polyps growing. The most common type of colon polyps are classified as hyperplastic (excessive growth of normal tissue) or as adenomas (benign growths of glandular tissue).

While hyperplastic polyps probably remain benign, adenomas are considered to be precancerous. Because of the risk of leaving any possible cancerous growths behind, all polyps are removed and then classified. You will have to ask your doctor for the tissue report of your polyps to find out just what they were, but the probability is that they were benign, and your operation prevented a dangerous cancer from occurring. And, as I so frequently write here, prevention is just about the best kind of medicine there is.

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you

hold:
♠84 ♠QJ73 ♠Q9 ♠KJ982
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ Dbl Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—When partner makes a takeout double of a major, he guarantees the other major or a very powerful hand. Therefore, you should respond in your four-card major rather than the five-card minor. And two hearts is an underbid—make the invitational jump to three hearts.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you

hold:
♠AQJ76 ♠Void ♠A10843 ♠KQ5
Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?
A.—You jump shift only with one of two types of hand. Either you have a self-sufficient suit of your own, or excellent support for partner. Neither is the case here, so simply respond one spade. You can show your power with a jump shift or high reverse into diamonds at your next turn.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you

hold:
♠AQJ76 ♠Void ♠A10843 ♠KQ5
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South

you hold:
♠J63 ♠Q7 ♠K82 ♠AQ1076
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—Some number of no trump looks right with our balanced hand and honor card in every suit, but we just can't bring ourselves to make that bid without a sure stopper in either major! We'll settle for the unimaginative raise to three diamonds, and hope partner can move.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you

hold:
♠A963 ♠AQJ962 ♠72 ♠Q
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ 1 ♠ Pass ?

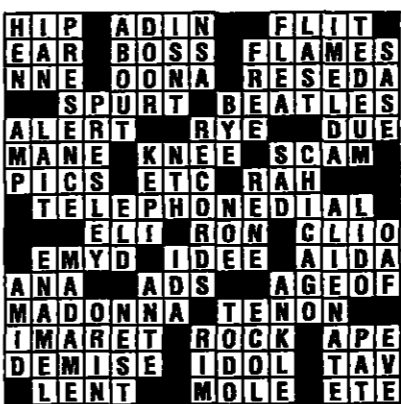
What do you bid now?
A.—For his vulnerable overall, partner must have a reasonable hand. Therefore, you want to communicate to him that you have a powerful hand in case big things are in store. Tell him of your strength by cue-bidding two diamonds. Note that that doesn't promise control of the enemy suit.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you

hold:
♠K ♠K7 ♠KJ1092 ♠AK754
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ 2 ♠ ?

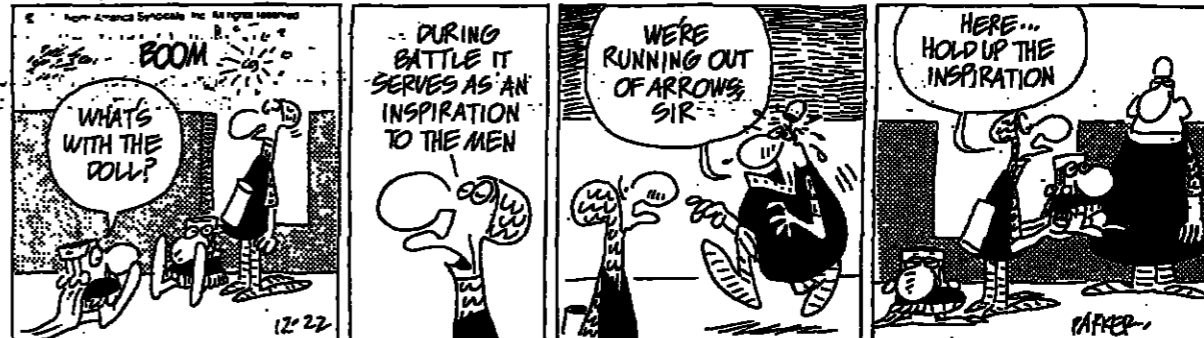
What do you bid now?
A.—Don't make a cue-bid in the enemy suit before you know where you want to play the hand! Simply plan to bid both your suits. Start by bidding three diamonds, which is a game force here, with the intention of showing your clubs next.

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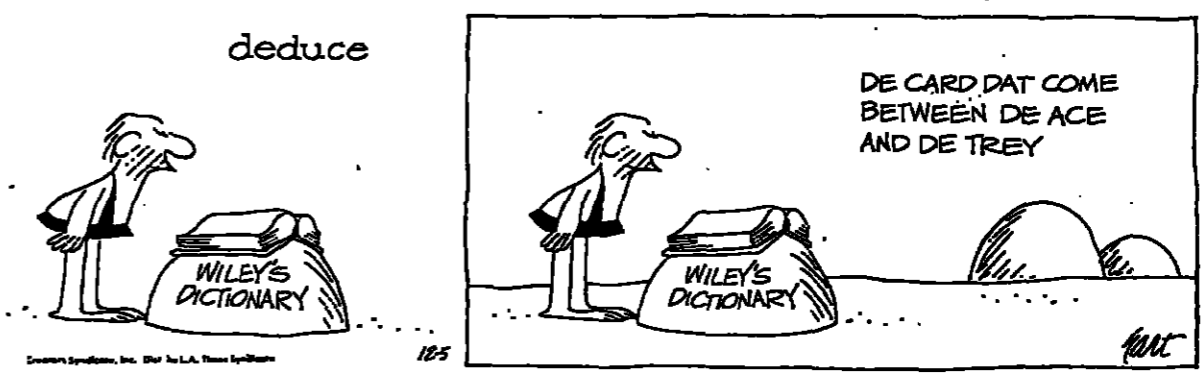
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YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You will not know how lucky you are but you would be wrong to trust to luck. You should try to combat a tendency towards being irritable and touchy. Take into account what others think. Be objective.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You will be able to give a friend your support and this will be much appreciated. You must beware of allowing yourself to dissipate your energies. Take a cold or infection seriously but do not get it out of proportion. Be moderate.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>Do not permit yourself to be invaded by doubts. You are liable to be a little more vulnerable and open to confusion. Make sure your private life receives sufficient of your attention. Be tactful.</p>	<p>Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>Mars' better influence will help you to face some unpleasant facts. You will be able to do something a little more positive. Do all you can not to come into conflict with a colleague. But stick to your principles. Be courteous.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>Mars' better influence will make it easier for you to make up your mind. You should ensure that you do not lose touch with what is happening around you. Are you sure you have considered all aspects of the situation? Be more observant.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)</p> <p>You will be able to find the answer to an old problem, but not a permanent one. You should not try to do by force something where persuasion has failed. You should try to keep calm in the face of some adversity. Be tolerant.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>You will not be too sure of yourself, but there is little reason why you should lack confidence. You should take care to avoid exaggerations. Better face the truth and in no circumstance should you lie to yourself. Be lenient.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>You should not try to divide your attention between too many things all at once. You should not pay too much heed to your intuitions. Take the opportunity to make a child happy. Be fair.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>The Moon's better influence will help you to avoid falling into a trap. You should not be in too great a hurry but nor should you finger too long. There is a need to draw the pursestrings a little tighter. Be diligent.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)</p> <p>You are subject to mixed influences and you should not attempt to do anything too much out of the ordinary. Do not allow your imagination to run away with you. You are all too inclined to take things for granted just now — don't. Be less obstinate.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)</p> <p>You should try not to waste time and you should avoid dithering. Best to concentrate first on essentials going into detail later. Do not take everything quite so seriously, but that does not mean being frivolous either. Be considerate.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)</p> <p>Mars' better influence will help you to regain your self-confidence. Do not try to beat things to all men all at once. Do not allow your optimism to carry you away altogether. Be abstemious.</p>

CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

Special to the Arab Times

Two big hits, ten moderate successes and scores of flops

Indian film industry in the doldrums

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

WHAT kind of a year did 1988 prove in the long history of Indian cinema? After all, it was the year in which the film industry wanted to celebrate (but never did) the Platinum Jubilee of film production, dating back from Raja Harishchandra, made 75 years ago.

It was the year in which the film world lost Raj Kapoor, leaving a void which can never be filled. It was also the year in which 142 Hindi films were released all over India, of which only two were big hits, about ten moderately successful and the rest gigantic flops.

The approximate figure of films produced all over India is around 770, while the total number of Hindi films that were certified were 180, the biggest so far.

There were cries of crisis and doom and closures all throughout the year. In spite of that a record number of new films were started with much pomp and circumstance. There was no end to the round of film parties. Obviously, a lot of dubious money was flowing into the industry and the government turned a blind eye in an indirect effort to unearth the black wealth and make it flow.

In several cases, there was obviously no intention to produce the films launched so lavishly, as they were forgotten soon after.

The only idea was to shine and enjoy a brief spell in the limelight, and show losses of income to save tax. Almost anybody became a producer by making this kind of arrangement with a financier.

Meanwhile, several old established banners were closed down during the year. And the poor quality and results of Ganga Jamuna Saraswati gave a parting kick to the closing year, as did Shahenshah to the beginning of the year.

Explaining why this magnum opus was not taking off, a trade paper said: "The story is nothing new, the screenplay is loose and unconvincing and sequences look so artificial that the cinegoer feels let down and cheated."

Well, these are the reasons that can be applied to almost all the major films which failed in the year. Not only the cinegoers but the distributors and trade people felt even more cheated on seeing that the films sold at big prices per zone were hardly recovering the money.

This was the year which showed the first danger signals, of buyers not touching films, of agreements being flouted openly and cheques bouncing.

Sickness

The economic sickness of the film industry can be seen from 250 completed films lying unsold and about 400 held up after ten to twelve reels were shot. It seems that this industry functions and breathes only on hope and gambler's luck. Everyone is taking a chance.

Nobody knows what will succeed, but something somewhere does become paying and the wheels start moving again. In 1988, the push was provided by two real box-office smashers, Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak and Tezaab overcoming all the hurdles of video, cable TV and regular TV and not using any artificial respiration. One was a pure love story and the other an action film with catchy music.

These two showed that there is still a big audience lying dormant, which do not own TV's on videos or do not like what they



Flop of the year: Amitabh and Jaya Prada in Ganga, Jamuna, Saraswati



Madhuri Dixit performs the much-acclaimed dance and song number in Tezaab, 'Ek, do, teen, char.'

see on them. They also proved that if a film is fresh and strong, then video will only provide a further incentive for people to go

and enjoy it on the big screen.

They indicated that stars and success don't go together, as both these hits had new or second-



Last year's biggest success: Aamir Khan and Juhi Chawla

grade artists, while the massive flops carried all the top stars.

They also reminded all over again that the foundation of a likable film is an unusual, gripping script and the mystic whiff of lovability.

Among the releases which got a fair degree of success, keeping the cash registers ringing and the trade people laughing were Duriya Dil, Pyar Ka Mandir, Paap Ki Duniya, Waaris, Kaal-chakra Chattran, Hatya, Ghar Ghar Ki Kahani, Khoon Bhari Maang, Zakhmi Aurat, Moalmaal and Andha Yudh. At the end of the year, Qatil was promising to be a good grosser, though a clear picture was not available for last week's releases at the time of writing. Many of the above were family dramas of the tear-jerking type and mostly women-dominated.

In fact, the heroine showed a clear edge above the hero, with Rekha, Dimple, Jaya Prada and the late Smita carrying off the whole thing admirably with the males in a negative or supporting image. Paap Ki Duniya mixed crime and action well with the family base. Waaris showed the force of good literature. Chattran was only a Hindi dubbed version of an interesting Japanese film about a cat's adventures. Khoon Bhari Maang and Zakhmi Aurat

reversed the trend of male anger and revenge.

Andha Yudh was the only anti-establishment film to succeed, with a political colouring, starring Raj Babbar (a supporter of the opposition). Hatya was well-made suspense stuff, with sentiments of a child. Moalmaal was a tolerable comedy with new ideas and attractions like Sunil Gavaskar. Kaalchakra was the 'tough' film of the streets and the hoodlum boys.

Tezaab also followed N. Chandra's formula of Ankush but mixed it with music, romance, action, the innocent charm of the young heroine Madhuri and the oft-repeated song *Ek do teen char* which became the year's sensation. The film reminds of the old Filmistan hits made with Dilip Kumar and Kamini Kaushal. Qayamat also had many lovely songs, a new hero Aamir Khan who became a teenage idol, a delicate heroine Juhi and lots of sentiments.

Judging the star ratings by the hits, Anil Kapoor alone is bound to ride high due to Tezaab. Aamir has already signed several films, but he has to prove himself and not go the way of Kumar Gaurav.

Established

Madhuri and Juhi both need more maturity to reach the A grade. From the established stars, Jaya Prada, Mithun, Govinda, Amrita, Neelam, Sunny, Chunky, Raj Babbar and character artists Amrish Puri, Kadar Khan, Pran, Gulshan Grover, Shakti Kapoor, Danny, Prem Chopra, Nirupa Roy, Suresh Oberoi, Sadashiv Amrapurkar, Kabir Bedi and Anupam Kher will keep going on the strength of the above stated hits. Rekha and Dimple alone will have more solo films.

But what about the other big stars? Going down the scale are Dharmendra, Jeetendra, Sri Devi, Jackie, Mandakini, Naseeruddin, Farha, Sujata Mehta, Sonam and even Meenakshi Sheshadri. Steady were Rishi Kapoor and Shatrughan Sinha despite three to four flops.

The real blow was suffered by the top stars. Amitabh will no longer command the one crore price and all India business running into several crores. Vinod Khanna has been struck down with just one Dayavan.

What will happen to more than twenty films being held by each hero? Raj Kumar is no longer a safe bet and Rajesh Khanna almost out of reckoning. Dilip Kumar has not been active but may spring back. Among composers, Laxmikant Pyarelal, Bappi Lahiri and Annu Malik will remain on the charts.

The industry would never recover the shocks of flops like *Sone Pe Suhaga* (with one dozen stars) *Mahaveera*, *Saazish*, *Tamasha*, *Falak*, *Kasam*, *Zalzala*, *Sheri*, *Ram Avtar*, *Kabzaa*, *Kanwarlal*, *Vijay*, *Waqt ki Awaz*, *Gunhaon Ka Faisla*, *Sagar Sangam*, *Ganga Tere Desh Mein*, *Hero Hiralal*, *Mar Mitenge*, *Agnee*, *Dharmayudh* and *New Delhi* apart from a hundred other failures. Of course, the biggest disappointments were *Dayavan*, *Ganga Jamuna Saraswati*, *Shahenshah*, and the multi-starters which were expected to do miracles.

A left-handed consolation for the gloomy year may be derived from the dubbed films which were cheap and did quick business. They were mostly re-done from films made in the South and accounted for as many as twenty of the total. The trade found them more safe than new films.

Behind the screen

dubbing of Ganga Jamuna Saraswati. This stands out oddly in the film. Of course Mithun denies it. But inside sources say that a mimic had to be called to speak Mithun's dialogue in many scenes. So now he speaks in two voices.

Dharmendra's cousin Veerendra, a Punjabi film maker and star, has been killed by terrorists. There was much sympathy from the industry. But the 'Ja' hero did not seem to be on good terms with him. He continued his shootings, kept away from a condolence meeting for Veerendra and also went ahead with his own daughter's marriage and celebration. This was not expected from the good old 'garam' yet 'haram' Dharam.

A producer from the South proved himself to be one-up on Bombay chaps about star dates. He signed Mithun, paid him the amount, waited for two years and then got dates at a stretch to finish off his film Dost. Mithun

also proved a real friend by keeping his word. Meanwhile, other new producers are suffering due to Mithun's pre-occupation with this film.

Vinod Khanna is again reported to be psycho-sick after the disaster of Dayavan. He seems to be going back to the post-Rajneesh stage of mental confusion. He behaves strangely at times and cannot speak his dialogue clearly before the camera. Photographs of the "House Full" boards for Dayavan also did not cure him. He knew they were fake and the box-office figures told a different story.

On New Delhi, the political film, Jeetendra got so carried away that a commercial radio programme promoting the film was announced in the daily newspapers as: "Jeetendra will address the nation tonight on Vividh Bharati." One cannot imitate the highest authorities in the land, and that too with a poor film.



Mithun and Amitabh: on bad terms with each other

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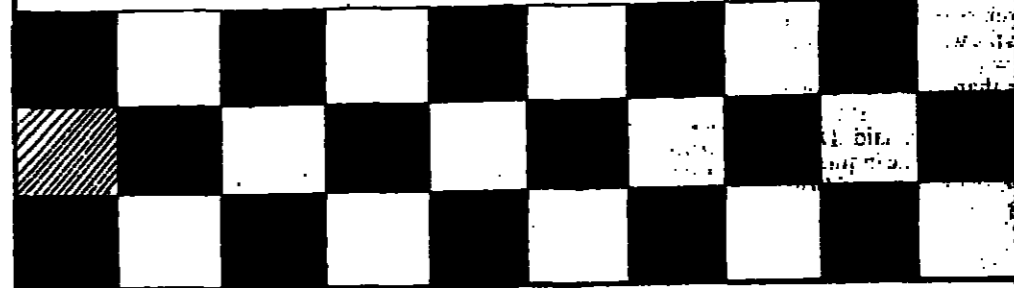
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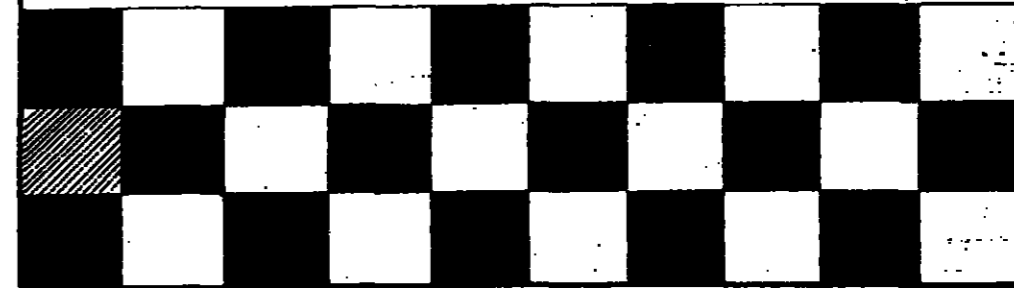
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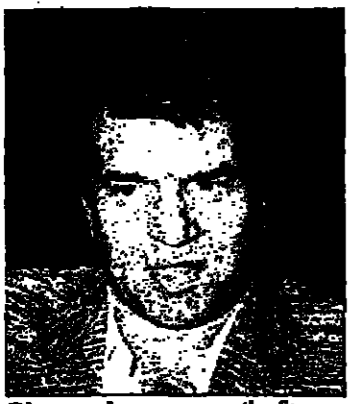
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Muscat banking on exploration to boost reserves

Oman hopes for new oil finds to ride out market storms

MUSCAT, Jan 18, (Reuters): Omanis are scouring their mountainous Gulf state for fresh oil reserves to steer their economy through the fluctuations of world petroleum prices.

But after sharply lower crude prices in recent years, prospects are looking up for the country, which relies on oil for three-quarters of its revenues.

It has based its 1989 budget on an oil price of around \$12.50 a barrel, yet its crude is currently trading around \$2.50 above that on international markets.

Chance
"I believe there is a chance of an increase in price (in 1989), but not much... if the price of oil goes to \$15 or \$16, we will be very glad," Oil Minister Said Bin Ahmed Al Shanfari said in an interview with Reuters.

Oman, bordering the Gulf and the Arabian Sea, is banking on exploration to boost oil reserves that are modest compared with those of neighbouring Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

It is also a key player in efforts to win more co-operation on stabilising prices between the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and non-OPEC states like itself.

Climbed

Shanfari flew to Moscow on Jan 15 after talks in Muscat with OPEC Secretary-General Subroto. Soviet officials said after Shanfari's trip that they would attend as observers at a planned meeting in London of OPEC and non-OPEC producers.

But the key to the future of

Oman's 1.5 million people lies in building up reserves.

"Our reserves have already climbed up to 4.2 billion barrels," Shanfari said in the interview on Jan 14.

"We are building up reserves every year by sometimes 100 million barrels, sometimes 50 million," after taking exports into account, he added.

A Western financial analyst in Oman said the country had adapted well when oil prices tumbled. "They have done a remarkably good housekeeping job here after the oil price crash in 1986."

Deficit

He said recession that hit the Gulf as a whole had not spared Oman, but that development of agriculture, fisheries and light industries and controls on government spending led the coun-

try to weather the storm well. Oman plans to pump 600,000 barrels of oil daily in 1989, the same as last year.

Expecting an oil price of about \$12.50 per barrel, Oman last year forecast a 1989 budget deficit of 402 million Omani riyals (\$1.06 billion) against a 1988 deficit of 252 million riyals (\$655 million).

But Omani oil was on sale on Tuesday for around \$15 per barrel, after world prices firmed when a new OPEC pact to curb output took effect from the beginning of January.

Budget revenue in 1989 is estimated at 1.21 billion riyals (\$3.14 billion), more than 10 per cent down on 1988.

But expenditure will be almost unchanged at 1.62 billion riyals (\$4.2 billion).

The budget deficit is likely to

be bridged by foreign and domestic borrowing, financial sources said.

Produces

Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), owned 60 per cent by the government, produces more than 90 per cent of Oman's oil in rugged terrain along the length of the country. Other PDO shareholders are foreign oil companies Shell, with 34 per cent, Total-CFP with four per cent and Parlex with two per cent.

Western oil companies including AMOCO and Occidental of the United States and France's Elf-Aquitaine are also looking for or producing oil in output sharing agreements with the government.

"PDO is pushing ahead with exploration and development

activities more than any other oil company in this region," an oil industry analyst in Oman said.

Shanfari said: "We have about 35 discoveries not developed yet. Developing some of the fields is a little extensive for the oil price we have now."

Expensive

Industry sources said geological factors made production in Oman expensive, with a high number of wells needed per field.

Some fields needed special production techniques which raised the cost of extracting a barrel to as high as \$4 against less than 50 cents in some Saudi Arabian fields.

"If the oil price goes below \$10 a barrel it will be very difficult for Oman," a financial analyst in the Gulf said.

World Business Summary

Moscow to ease currency restrictions with East bloc

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 18, (AP): The Soviet Union has agreed to foreign currency exchange with some East bloc allies and may lower its domestic exchange rates as a prelude to full convertibility in world markets, an official has said. The deputy chairman of State Bank of the USSR, V.A. Pekshv, yesterday told a UN-sponsored conference on US-Soviet trade that Soviet officials acknowledge the need for full convertibility of the ruble but must proceed slowly. "By Jan 1, 1990, we would make a 100 per cent increase in the ratio" of the official domestic exchange rate, Pekshv said, in effect doubling the amount of rubles exchanged for other currencies. "Is this a currency devaluation?" he said. "We won't get into theoretical arguments on this question." The Soviet Union has several sets of exchange rates for domestic and foreign products, and it was not known how the proposed increase would affect the rates. Black market exchange rates are often six to seven times higher than the official rates. More than 100 American and Soviet, including US and Soviet envoys to the world body, began the two-day meeting yesterday, the first such conference held under UN auspices. US and Soviet speakers focused mainly on Soviet economic reforms and repeatedly expressed optimism about improving relations.

Omani oil minister winds up visit

MOSCOW, Jan 18, (KUNA): Omani Oil Minister Saeed Bin Ahmed Al Shanfari returned home last night after holding talks with senior Soviet officials. Shanfari was seen off at the airport by deputy minister of foreign economic relations, Kuwaiti Charge d'Affaires to the Soviet Union Mansour Al Awadi and the UAE Ambassador to the Soviet Union Nasser Al Aboudi. Kuwait News Agency quoted the Omani official as saying that the Soviet Union plays a major role in oil issues and is keen on stabilising oil prices in the international market. Moscow intends to send an observer to represent it at the experts meeting of the non-OPEC oil producers which will be convened on January 25 and in the joint meeting of OPEC members, the Omani official added. Shanfari said that discussions mainly centred on oil issues and the recent Opec meeting held in Vienna, in addition to the resolutions reached by the Gulf Cooperation Council summit meetings held in Bahrain. He said that he presented to Soviet officials a complete picture of the anticipated oil market trend. Both the Soviet Union and Oman will exchange delegations in the near future in the framework of boosting relations between the two countries.

Algerian minister in UAE for oil talks

ABU DHABI, Jan 18, (AP): Algerian Oil Minister Sadok Boussouf arrived today for talks on the oil market and efforts by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to stabilise it. Boussouf told reporters he was carrying a message from President Chadli Bendjedid to the UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan on Arab developments, bilateral ties and the oil market situation. He gave no other details. He was greeted by the UAE's Oil Minister, Mansour Saeed Othman. They were scheduled to discuss ways of bolstering OPEC's decisions on production and pricing aimed at steadying fluctuating oil prices. Algeria and the UAE are members of the 13-nation organisation OPEC imposed a new quota system, limiting overall oil production by the organisation to 18.5 million barrels a day, from Jan 1. The ceiling, some 2 million barrels a day higher than a previous quota, was designed to push up sagging prices to OPEC's benchmark of \$18 a barrel and curb runaway over-production by some OPEC states.

UK urged to encourage independent oil sector

LONDON, Jan 18, (Reuters): A parliamentary energy committee today urged the British government to encourage Britain's independent oil sector, principally through taxation and licensing policies.

"These companies... deserve encouragement," the committee said in a report.

The committee decided early last year to examine the independent oil sector after a number of important independent oil firms were taken over by larger companies in the wake of a drop in oil prices.

Fewer than half the independent oil companies were still active in 1987, the report said. During these years the inquiry was going on, the number of British independent oil companies declined to 31 from 40.

Evidence
The committee received evidence from British Energy Minister Peter Morrison and representatives of the association of British independent oil exploration companies (Brindec).

"Our conclusion is that the sector is an important national resource which should be maintained, sustained and developed," said committee chairman Ian Lloyd at a news conference.

The committee urged a re-examination of tax arrangements for British oil companies. Under the current fiscal system, tax incentives favour large companies and disadvantage the smaller independent firms, the report said.

The committee supported proposals from Brindec to restore tax relief for onshore oil exploration and appraisal.

The report also called for a thorough examination of licensing policies, which Brindec said were operating to the independent companies' disadvantage.

Iran to buy four power plants from Yugoslavia

NICOSIA, Jan 18, (AP): Iran has signed a \$25-million contract to purchase four power plants from Yugoslavia in an effort to ease acute electricity shortages that cause daily blackouts in cities around the nation.

The Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the contract was signed between the Isfahan Electricity Department and an unnamed Yugoslav company.

The agency said the plants would be installed by Iranian workers "within the next three years," but gave no further details.

Iran has made rebuilding power stations destroyed in the eight-year war with Iraq a top priority, partly because of popular discontent with long daily blackouts.

Blackouts
Tehran Television, also monitored in Nicosia, said yesterday that the scheduled six-hour daily blackouts in larger cities would be reduced to three hours. The television did not say when the blackouts would be reduced.

A 300 megawatt facility at the Neka power plant on the Caspian Sea coast is due to start operation this week, but Minister of Power Bijan Namdar Zanganeh warned on Friday that blackouts would continue.

"The ministry of power is in a fragile state with regard to power supply, and even present supplies are not reliable," IRNA quoted Zanganeh as saying.

Zanganeh said last month that the national grid lost 2,500 megawatts of generating capacity because of damage to power plants during the war with Iraq.

Reagan's deficits fail to cloud market optimism over president-elect

Bush to put economy on a firm long-term footing

WASHINGTON, Jan 18, (Reuters): Suddenly, Wall Street has turned bullish on George Bush.

After taking a tumble in the wake of his election victory in November, financial markets have reversed course and are now betting that Bush will tame the escalating trade and budget deficits he will inherit from Ronald Reagan.

Stocks are at the highest level since the October 1987 crash. The dollar has rallied to three-month highs. And, with long-term interest rates falling and gold down to around \$400 an ounce, even inflationary fears are abating.

"There's an ebullient feeling, a sense of accomplishment, even before he's taken office," said Robert Brusca, chief economist of Nikko Securities Co international in New York.

The optimism is due in part to the honeymoon that a new president customarily enjoys. The nation wants him to do well.

Because Bush has assembled a team of pragmatic, experienced economic advisers, he is also assumed to be more willing than

Reagan to compromise on the crucial budget issues needed to reduce the deficits, boost savings and investment and put the economy on a firm long-term footing.

Even a tough critic of American fiscal profligacy like West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg came away from talks last week with Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and budget director-designate Richard Darman convinced that Bush, despite his no-tax vow, is serious about the deficit.

Initiative

"I have the impression that there will be a strong initiative for deficit reduction in the budget on the expenditure side," Stoltenberg said.

Another reason for optimism is that Bush is starting out with an economy that is remarkably well balanced for this late stage of an expansion. The economy is enjoying its 74th straight month of growth with the usual hangers of recession — excess inventories, rampant inflation and sharply rising short-term interest rates —

conspicuous by their absence. Exports and investment are expected to fuel another year of solid growth in 1989.

Reagan's advisers, not surprisingly, attribute the successes of the past six years to his emphasis on providing a stable, low-tax policy environment free of red tape, instead of trying to fine tune the economy with stop-go tax and interest-rate measures.

All Bush has to do, White House chief economist Beryl Sprinkel says, is to maintain open markets, continue to rein in government spending and avoid tax increases.

"With this proviso, the economic outlook for the United States is bright," he said in a recent report to Congress.

But critics say the prosperity, which in any case remains a cruel illusion for millions, has been bought on credit.

The \$1.6 trillion that Reagan added to the national debt, swamping all bills previously incurred during US history, buoyed consumption at the expense of the investment needed to keep America ahead of hungry

competitors like Japan, they charge.

David Hale, chief economist of Kemper Financial Services Inc in Chicago, says the challenge posed to Bush by Japan's success is not just commercial and financial.

Ideological

Because Japan's prosperity was built on a basis of corporatism, with government working closely with big business, it also represents a direct ideological threat to the neo-conservative movement that Reagan brought to power.

"Japan has demonstrated that an economic system other than America's can produce superior outcomes," Hale wrote recently, adding that America's political economy during the 1990s will be driven by fear of Japanese supremacy.

Brookings Institution scholars Thomas Mann and Charles Schultz also warned that the deficits are gradually causing America to fall behind in the global economic power race.

The task thus facing Bush, they said, is to build the political

consensus needed to shift the national economic emphasis away from consumption to savings and investment.

The task will be hard because the public, after hearing economists cry wolf for years, is growing immune to scare talk, they wrote in a new Brookings book, "Critical Choices."

America might be able to continue national over-spending for another presidential term, but at the cost of a further, almost imperceptible slowing year by year in the growth of living standards.

"Like the fat person who needs to go on a diet but who feels that one more high-calorie meal won't hurt, Americans may rightly feel that one more year of high deficits will not cause grave damages. But continue the overeating, and the over-spending, and long-term damage mounts up," they said.

Wall Street, bloated with the excesses of the Reagan years, wants Bush to plan the diet without cooking the budget books by resorting to asset sales and rosy economic forecasts.

Top American business executives confer with Soviet trade officials

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 18, (AP): Executives of several major US corporations began conferring with leading Soviet trade officials yesterday at the opening of an unprecedented trade conference sponsored by the United Nations.

More than 100 people, including US and Soviet envoys to the world body, were welcomed to the previously unannounced two-day meeting by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who said he hoped the conference would be the first in a series.

Indication

"The conference is especially important because it is intended to explore ways of improving economic relations between the two most influential states in the world," Perez de Cuellar said.

"If it proves to be the first in a series of productive meetings, it will be yet another indication that we are developing a new

approach to international relations, and a fuller understanding of the nature of peace," said the UN chief.

The conference is scheduled to end today, two days before George Bush officially takes over the US presidency from Ronald Reagan. Efforts at improving US-Soviet trade have increased recently, along with warming diplomatic ties.

Obstacles

Bush officials have said they are planning a wide-ranging review of US policy toward the Soviet Union before deciding on a new agenda for relations under Bush, who will be inaugurated on Friday to a four-year term.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's policy of "perestroika," or restructuring, has led to an explosion of private and co-operative business ventures, in addition to a relaxing of some restrictions on foreign trade. Among other things, par-

ticipants at the conference intended to discuss obstacles to East-West joint venture in Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union.

According to US figures in a statement distributed at the conference, total Soviet exports increased from the equivalent of \$87.1 million in 1982 to more than \$107.6 million in 1987. The figures were adjusted for inflation.

Exports to the United States jumped from \$214 million in 1982 to \$446 million the next year, and dipped slightly to a projected \$445 million in 1987. However, US exports to the Soviet Union decreased from \$3.4 billion in 1984 to a projected \$1.3 billion in 1987, the figures said.

Another statement said the US State Department had agreed to extend visas for Soviets wishing to continue meeting with American corporations after the conference ends.

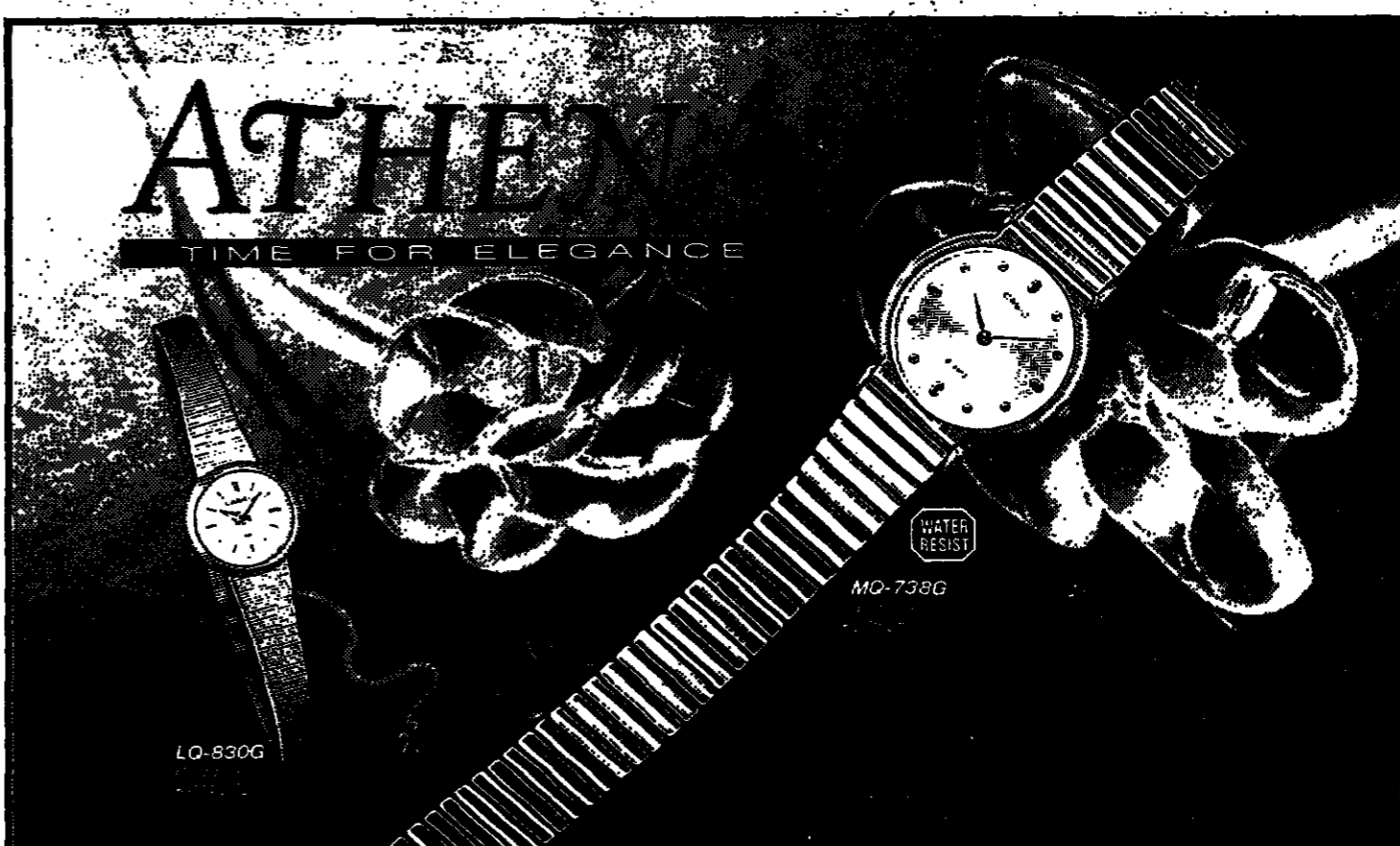
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LONDON (Alpha Stocks)		LONDON (Beta Stocks)	
NAME	LAST	NAME	LAST
ABBEY LIFE	302/0	2ND ALLCE	756/0
ADT LTD	124.5	2ND GROUP	112/0
ALD LYONS	458/0	A.MER TS	112/0
AMSTRAD	155/0	A.B.ELECT	369/0
ARGYLE GP	178/0	A.S.W.HLD	192/4
ASDA GP	141.5	AAR KENT	89/0
BAA	281/0	AAR HLD	287/0
BTR	315/0	AARNSON	116/0
BAT INDS	484/0	ADNIST	31/0
BASS	868/0	ALEX WRKV	158/0
BEAZER	190/0	ALEXON	319/0
BEECHAMS	508/0	ALLD COLL	125/0
BERRISFORD	400/0	ALLD LDH	130/0
BICC PLC	408/0	ALLD PLNT	66/0
BLUE ARMY	89/0	ALLIANCE	865/0
BLUE CIRC	467/0	AMBER DAY	40/0
BOC GP	435/0	AMER TST	339/0
BPS LTD	237/0	AMERIAN	520/0
BR INDS	241/0	AMH LITC	217/0
BR CORN	225/0	AMH TV	211/0
BR AIRWAY	77/0	ANALYCHER	78/0
BR AEROSP	476/0	APPLAID	399/0
BR GAS RG	62/0	APV CLC	134/0
BR LAND	345/0	ASHLEY LA	99/0
B.P.	157/0	AUS REE A	215/0
B.P.PP	65.25	AUS REE B	217/0
BR STEEL	273/0	AUTO SECS	241/0
BR TELCOM	496/0	AVDEL PLC	100/0
BURMAN OL	96/0	AVESCO	116/0
BURTON	383/0	AVIS EUR	321/0
CABLEWIR	347/0	AVON RUBB	600/0
CADBURYS	383/0	B.WEIMILL	210/0
CALOR GRP	712/0	BAILL JAP	523/0
CLRN CO	7/0	BAILL SHI	87/4
COOKSONS	282/0	BALRO (V)	221/0
COURTAUD	286/0	BELMAY	214/0
DALGETY	320/0	BENK IRE	522/0
DITONS	137/0	BENK IY	75/4
ENG CHINA	460/0	BENK IY	153/0
ENTER OIL	520/0	BENK IY	180/0
EXI BACCK	132/0	BENK IY	27/0
FERRANTI	107/0	BENK IY	158/0
FISONS	255/0	BENK IY	1/2
GATEWAY	172/0	BENK IY	10/4
GEN ACCID	997/0	BENK IY	150/0
GEN ELEC	215/0	BENK IY	169/0
GLAXO	205/0	BENK IY	49/0
GRANADA	346/0	BENK IY	49/0
GLOBE	148/0	BENK IY	21/0
GLOVED	290/0	BENK IY	21/0
GUARD RYL	90/0	BENK IY	195/0
GN	313/0	BENK IY	91/0
GUINNESS	351/0	BENK IY	92/0
HWERSIN A	880/0	BENK IY	94/0
HANSON	158/0	BENK IY	94/0
HARRISON C	662/0	BENK IY	94/0
HUKER SD	570/0	BENK IY	94/0
HILLSDOWN	251/0	BENK IY	94/0
ICI	667/0	BENK IY	94/0

World Indices	
INDEX	LAST
FT 300	1540.0
FT 500	1051.6
FT ALL SHR	965.01
FT GOV SEC	87.54
FT GOV IND	164.8
FT MINES F	595.56
FT OIL	1795.3
FT WLD DLR	148.95
FT WLD STG	118.95
FT WLD LOC	127.20

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS DRIFT FROM HIGHS IN LATE TRADE

LONDON, JAN 18, REUTER - EQUITIES DRIFTED FROM MIDSESSION HIGHS IN FAIRLY QUIET LATE AFTERNOON TRADE FOLLOWING A LARGER-THAN-EXPECTED U.S. TRADE DEFICIT FOR NOVEMBER AND A SUBSEQUENT DIP ON WALL STREET, DEALERS SAID.

"ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN INSTITUTIONAL DEMAND FOR STOCK WE SEEM TO HAVE RUN OUT OF STEAM AT THE POST-CRASH HIGH," ONE TRADER COMMENTED. "MIND YOU, THE MARKET MAKERS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT ON THE HOP BY THE NEW YEAR RALLY AND WILL BE HAPPY TO SEE PRICES A BIT LOWER SO THEY CAN GET SOME STOCK BACK ON THEIR BOOKS."

AT 1535 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS UP 11.5 POINTS AT 1,540.2.

THE FTSE 100 TOUCHED A PEAK OF 1,590.2 JUST BEFORE THE U.S. TRADE NUMBER WAS PUBLISHED WHICH COMPARES WITH ITS POST-CRASH INTRA-DAY HIGH OF 1,592.2 AND POST-CRASH CLOSING HIGH OF 1,579.3 REACHED LAST JUNE.

THE INDEX HAS RALLIED FROM 1,793.1 SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR WITH THE RISE FUELED BY A GROWTH TO RECORD LEVELS IN INSTITUTIONAL LIQUIDITY, DEALERS SAID.

NEWS OF A CONTINUED SURPLUS IN THE U.K. PUBLIC SECTOR BORROWING REQUIREMENT IN DECEMBER WAS SEEN AS POSITIVE, SHOWING GOVERNMENT REVENUES ARE STILL STRONG. THE CUMULATIVE DECEMBER PSBR SURPLUS WAS 8.1 BILLION STG VS 6.1 BILLION IN NOVEMBER.

Precious Metals

LONDON, JAN 18, REUTER - GOLD BULLION TRADING WAS SLUGGISH THIS AFTERNOON WITH THE PRICE ONLY SHOWING MILD REACTION TO THE FLUCTUATING DOLLAR AFTER THE RELEASE OF U.S. TRADE DATA FOR NOVEMBER.

GOLD WAS FIXED SUITLY AT 402.50 DLR AN OUNCE COMPARED WITH AN OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSE OF 402.50/403.00 AND 402.25/402.75 DLR RESPECTIVELY.

DEALERS SAID GOLD'S INITIAL REACTION TO THE DOLLAR'S FLUCTUATIONS WAS TO DROP TO 401.50/402.00 AND THEN RALLY TO 403.50/404.00 DLR BEFORE SETTLING BACK TO ITS FIXING LEVEL.

OTHER PRECIOUS METALS REMAINED QUIET, THEY ADDED.

London Money Market

LONDON, JAN 18, REUTER - MONEY RATES ENDED A QUIET SESSION WITH VERY LITTLE MOVEMENT, DESPITE A LARGER THAN EXPECTED DECEMBER PUBLIC SECTOR BORROWING REQUIREMENT (PSBR) SURPLUS.

THE 2.1 BILLION STG PSBR SURPLUS COMPARED WITH FORECASTS OF A 1.5 BILLION STG SURPLUS.

DEALERS SAID THE MARKET'S ATTENTION WAS FIRMLY FOCUSED ON U.K. ECONOMIC STATISTICS TO BE RELEASED LATER THIS WEEK, INCLUDING AVERAGE EARNINGS AND MONEY SUPPLY.

"THIS MARKET IS ALL ABOUT THE INFLATION PROBLEM, UNTIL WE SEE SIGNS OF A SLOWDOWN IN CONSUMER DEMAND WE CAN'T EXPECT ANY RELAXATION OF MONETARY POLICY," SAID ONE TRADER.

Foreign Exchange	
DLR	STG
DLR 1.7630/40	1.7690/00
STG 1.8555/8635	3.272/286
FFR 6.3395/3515	11.182/200
SFR 1.5795/5805	2.7855/7889
NFL 2.0995	3.7010
ECU 1.12066	0.636014
SDR 1.31912	0.744845
YEN 127.60/70	225.05/35
SDR RATE	17/01/1989

NEW YORK	
NAME	OPEN
A BSCH COM	31/0
ATLANTIC R	84/0
AAR CORP	25/6
ABBOTT LAB	47/1
ACME CLVLD	9/5
ADV MICRO	8/4
AEROFEL LAB	5/7
AETNA LIFE	48/3
AMERSON	17/0
AIR PR-CHM	45/0
ALASKA AIR	20/2
ALBERTSONS	39/2
ALMA 8-16	0
ALCO STAND	26/6
AM CAP SEC	0
AM CYANAMID	48/4
AM FAMILY	14/1
AM HON PRO	81/4
AM STANDARD	0
AM STORES	58/7
AM TEL-TEL	29/1
AMOCO CORP	78/0
AMP INC	44/4
AMPO PITT	14/1
AMR CORP	54/4
AMR GEN CO	30/4
AMERADA HE	32/6
AMERICAN ELE	9/6
APACHE CP	8/2
APCAL 8-12	0
ARMSTRONG	34/3
ASLMO OIL	7/2
ASIA PACIFIC	26/6
ATLS CORP	23/0
AVERY INT	23/0
AVNET INC	22/5
AVON PRODS	20/7
BCE INC	31/2
BELLSOUTH	40/0
BELO CP A	24/7
BETH STEEL	23/6
BEVERLY	6/4
BK BOSTON	23/5
BK BOSTON-A	0
BK N-YORK	38/2
BK N-YORK	37/5
BKAMERICA	18/1
BKAMERICA	0
BOISE CAS	60/2
BND IN GLD	7/0
BORDEN	56/6
BONATER	27/6
BR TELECOM	0
BRIGGS-STYR	29/0
BRIST-HYR	44/3
BRUNSWICK	18/5
C 3 INC	0
C HUD G-EL	21/7
CABOT CORP	39/6
CAESARS WO	31/5
CA FREIGHT	25/3
CAS NAT GS	14/5
CAT-COAT	27/3
CATERPI TR	66/7
CBI IND	27/4
CBS	174/1
CENTEL CP	57/4
CHAMP INTL	33/3
CHAMP SPA	16/0
CHARTER CO	4/3
CHASE MAN	31/3
CHENED CP	33/4
CHENIC BNC	32/1
CHEVRON	48/4
CHRYSLER	21/3
CHRYSLER	59/4
CHRYSLER	8/0
CIGNA CORP	50/1
CIN MILACR	22/5
CIR CIT ST	41/0
CIRCLE K	11/7
CITICORP	25/6
CLARK EQUI	32/3
CLOCK	31/7
COACHMEN	19/0
COASTAL	8/7
COCA-COLA	44/4
COLECO	1/2
COLEMAN CO	42/5
COL-PALM	47/5
COLLINS-C	36/6
COMBISON	0
CONAGRA	29/6
CON EDISON	46/5
CONTECH	33/2
CONTEL ILL	40/3
CONTEL CP	42/0
CONTR DATA	20/7
COOPER T-R	23/7
COOPER COR	5/0
CORNING GL	71/0
CRAY RES	62/2
CULLINET	6/4
DANA CORP	39/6
DANIEL IND	10/0
DATA GEN	18/3
DAYTON HUD	40/7
DEC	98/1
DEERE-CO	48/0
DELTA AIR	52/4
DIAMOND SH	15/5
DIEBOLD	39/2
DISNEY W	68/4
DOVER CORP	29/5
DOW CHEM	89/3
DOW JONES	31/3
DRESSER IN	31/0
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DUN BRAD	45/7
DUPONT	90/6
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EAGLE PICH	16/5
EASTERN G	24/1
EMERSON EL	30/5
EMERSON RA	4/6
ETHYL CP	22/1
EXXON	44/6
FAM DOT ST	12/6
FED NAT ST	57/2
FIELDCREST	19/5
FIM COR-AM	0
FLEETWORT	25/7
FMC CORP	32/0
FORD MOTOR	52/3
FOSTER WIL	15/1
FRCHLD IND	16/1
FREE NC OG	4/6
FST BANK	20/0
FST CHICAG	32/4
FST INTERS	45/5
FST MISSIP	17/2
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INDEX	LAST
AUSTRALIA	293.0
AUSTRIA	239.4
BELGIUM	446.0
CANADA	381.3
DENMARK	539.3
FRANCE	461.0
GERMANY	207.3
HONG KONG	2168.7
FINLAND	117.2
ITALY	482.2
JAPAN	1475.6
NETHERLANDS	279.6
NEW ZEAL	90.8
NORWAY	649.1
SPAIN	248.6
SWEDEN	1115.9
SWITZ	177.5
U.K.	567.5
U.S.A.	261.5
WORLD	502.3
E.A.F.E.	971.8

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NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME	NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE
MARSCO RJR 95 1/4	7 1/2
TEXAS EST 46	3 1/4
TANDEN COM 17 3/4	1 1/2
CITICORP 25 7/8	1 1/2

ARMAN

AMMAN

	OPMG	CLSG			
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY			JOR LEASING CORP.		
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.			JOR LIM BRICK		
ARAB BANK			JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER			JOR NATIONAL BANK		
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44	2.41	JOR PAPER CARDBRGD	3.60	3.50
ARAB INSURANCE	1.05	1.00	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.70	3.70
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.			JOR PIPES MANUFACT		
ARAB INT. UNION INS.	1.21	1.25	JOR PRESS/PUBLIS.	1.90	1.90
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.60	0.63	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.40
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.50	2.45	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.		
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD			JOR SECURIT CORP		
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	2.34	2.33	JOR SELPHO CHEM.		
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM.	0.76	0.75	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY		
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---	JOR WORSTED MIL	5.00	5.00
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JOR. KUMJAT AGR	0.94	0.91
BANK OF JORDAN			JOR. PETROLIUM REF		
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45
CATRO AMMAN BANK	3.00	30.00	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP		
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN GULF REAL		
DAR SHAAB PRESS			JORDAN DAIRY		
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.			JORDAN GULF BANK		
DARCO/INVEST/HOUSE			JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
FINANCE/CREDIT/CCR			JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
GARAGE OWNERS OF	4.60	4.60	JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK		
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	JORDAN KUSAIB BANK		
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.34	1.30	JORDAN TANNING	2.15	2.15
GENERAL MINNING.	1.45	1.45	JORDAN TRADING	0.74	0.71
HINMER MINERALS	0.75	0.75	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.78	0.77
HOLD LAND INS.	1.44	1.44	MACH/ECI/RENT/MAIN	0.68	0.77
INDO./MATCH JECMO			MAS INDUSTRIES	0.79	0.73
INDUSTRIAL SVLT. BK	1.62	1.62	MTD EAST EXCHANGE		
INDSTRL/CONG/AGR.			MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.80	0.80
INDUSTRIAL INSUR.	0.75	0.75	MIDDEL EAST INS		
INTER. CON/INV	0.13	0.13	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.74	0.75
IRSID ELECTRICITY	0.95	0.92	NAT. FIN. INVEST CO		
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	NAT/CABEL/HVF/HF		
ITERMED/PETRI/CH			NATIONAL AHLIA INS.	1.38	1.38
J. TOUR-SR COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.46	0.45
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29	NATIONAL STEEL		
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	20.00	19.50	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
JOR CERAMIC FACT.	1.70	1.68	PETRA BANK		
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
JOR ELECTRIC POWER			PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.08	1.05
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22	RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	0.86	0.82
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY			REAL ESTATE INV.		
JOR HOTEL TOURISM			SHIPPING LINES		
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.			SPINNING WEAVING		
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	THE HOUSING BANK	1.90	1.90
			UNITED INSURANCE	1.25	1.20
			UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND		
			UNIVERSAL INS.		
			WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.86	0.85
			YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.35	1.31

Interest Rates

CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK		
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS			JORDAN KLAHIT BANK		
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.			JORDAN TAINING	2.15	2.15
DARGO/INVEST/HOUS.			LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.74	0.71
FINANCE/CREDIT/CCR			NACH/EGL/RENT/MJIN	0.78	0.77
GARRAGE OWNERS OFF	-4.60	4.60	KAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
HAWAIIAN INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	NID EAST EXCHANGE		
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.34	1.30	MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.80	0.80
GENERAL MINNING.	1.45	1.45	MIDDLE EAST HUAL		
HIMMER MINERALS	0.75	0.75	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.74	0.75
HOY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44	NAT.FIN.INVEST.CO		
IND./MATCH/JEMCO			NAT/CABEL/VHF/MF		
INDUSTL DEVLPT BKK	1.62	1.62	NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.38	1.38
INDSTRL/COMM/AGR.			NATIONAL UNIVERSITY	0.46	0.45
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO		
INTERM.CO/INV	0.13	0.13	NATIONAL STEEL		
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ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	PETRA BANK		
ITERMED/PETRI/CH			PETRA JOR.INS.	0.35	0.35
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JERUSALEM SHS	1.26	1.29	RAPHA INDUSTRIAL	0.86	0.82
J.TOBACCO/CIGARET	2.00	1.90	REAL ESTATE INV.		
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.70	1.68	SHIPPING LINES		
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05	SUBWAY SERVING		
JOR ELECTRIC POWER			THE HOUSING BANK	1.90	1.90
JOR FINANCE MOUSE	1.20	1.22	UNITED INSURANCE	1.25	1.20
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY			UNIVERSAL CHEM.IND		
JOR HOTEL TOURISM			UNIVERSAL SHS.		
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.			WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.86	0.85
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.35	1.31

PHILIPPINES MAKATI					
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				71.00	71.50
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN		
AC-A	13.50	13.75	13.25	.52	.50
AMS	2.85	2.90	2.90	.53	.51
GLO	32.00	32.50	32.50	.40	.39
PLDT	255.00	257.00	255.00	.40	.40
KPSI-A	2.55	2.65	2.55		
KPSI-B	3.10				
SNC-A	148.00	149.00	149.00	.016	.016
SNC-B	235.00	236.00		.016	.016
MINING SECTOR					
APX-A	.024	.025	.024	.0038	.004
APX-B	.024	.025	.025	.0038	.004
AT-A	.380	.38.50	.38.50	.0042	.004
BC-A				.039	.039
LC-A				.041	.042
LC-B				.031	.032
PK-A				.032	.032
PK-B					
OIL SECTOR					
BP-A				.016	.016
BP-B				.016	.016
LRC-A				.0038	.004
LRC-B				.0038	.0042
OPN-A				.039	.04
OPN-B				.041	.042
OV-A				.031	.032
OV-B				.032	.033

WORLD

Makati Stock Market Report					
OFFICIAL INFORMATION					
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES	
COMM.-IND.	998,420	27,852,340	971.57	6.47	UP
MINING	118,664,850	24,260,125	5.005.36	15.56	UP
OIL	364,250,000	7,979,708	6.067	0.141	UP
TOTAL	461,913,270	60,092,165	860.77	9.27	UP
PHILIPPINES MANILA					
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR					
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN		
SMC-A	147.00	148.00	149.00	BC-A	70.50 71.00 71.00
SMC-B	234.00	235.00	235.00	BC-B	80.00 91.00
SO-TIRE	36.00	37.50		LC-A	.52 .53 .50
PLDT	255.00	257.50	257.50	LC-B	.53 .54 .51
ANSOR-A	2.85	2.90	2.90	ZIP	.0085 .009 .009
AC-A	13.50	13.75	13.25	OIL SECTOR	
GLO	32.50	33.00	33.25	STOCK	BUY SELL OPEN
FER-A	2.30	2.36	2.30	BP-A	.016 .017 .016
FER-B	2.44	2.50		BP-B	.016 .017 .016
MINING SECTOR					
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LR-A	.0038 .0042
APX-A	.024	.025	.025	OPW-A	.039 .04 .038
APX-B	.025	.026	.025	OPW-B	.041 .042 .04
AT-A	38.00	38.50	38.50	OV-A	.031 .032 .031
AT-B	39.50	40.00	39.50	OV-B	.032 .033 .032
				TA	.022 .023 .022

Token Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	854,720	24,779,620	976.10	UP 7.96
MINING	272,583,850	39,394,400	4753.63	UP 66.12
OILS	766,750,000	19,456,050	6.375	UP 0.094
TOTAL	1,040,188,570	83,630,070	863.94	UP 10.15

SINGAPORE							
NAME	LAST PR	CL	CHANGES	NAME	LAST PR	CL	CHANGES
ADEF A				G KENT	67		
ADEF B				G LUMBER	98.5	101	H K. TAN
AJINOMOTO				G TOWR	110		H CLASS
ANAL IND	101	102	U HLDGS	102		H TZN PR	63.5
ANAL PRCP	24	24.5	G CORP	61	63.5	H UTD LTD	171
ANCOL	139	142	SENTING	605	605	H UTD WFG	69
BERJAYA	118	123	GOLD COM	191		H'SHITA	595
BOULSTRE	133	136	GST	126	127	H'UMATA	63
CARLSBERG	545	550	GULU	344	354	MAGNUM	230
CEREBOS	322	322	H L IND.	28.5		MALEX IND	380
CHEM IND	279	280	HARTINAU	195	199	MCB HLDGS	440
CK TANG	356	358	HAW PAR	320	322	METAL BOX	605
COLD STR	374	378	HEC	66	68	METRO	300
CS HLDGS	42	45	HUNE IND	173	180	MULPHATIND	60
			INNOVEST	95	98	MURATA100	180
			INSAS	38.5	40	MYCAN BHD	84.5
DIX	117	119	JMT WOOD	76		NB TIMBER	85.5
DUTCH BHD	----	29	INTRACO	275	279	NOL PREF	490
DUTCHBARY	440	43	J ENGRG	258	262	PHRI	86
ELEC NAGN	169	169	JC ENT	103	106	ROXKY ELEC	71.5
ELEG CORP	358	362	JC-NPH	107	108	S PRESS	815
EU YAN S.	240	242	KOHAN HDG	42	44	S PRESS F	830
			K G HLDGS	103	110	S SHIP	372
F A C B	22	22	K KELLAS	220	220	S'WANG H	179
F E SHRP	240	243	KAMUNTING	86.5	91.5	SAMANDA	1812
F&N ORD	720	735	KE SANG	31.5		SANTO	95
FEB CABLE	----	67	KECK GENG	173		SEAL INC	100
FED FLOOR	420	420	KEPPEL	306	304	SIA 200	1340
FIMA BHD	280	280	KG FLUOR	195	195	SUNSHINE	196

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JAN 18, REUTER - STRONG BUYING OVERCAME LIGHT PROFIT-TAKING TO FUEL A RISE WHICH PUSHED THE HANG SENG INDEX THROUGH THE 2,900 LEVEL AFTER AM HOUR'S TRADING, BROKERS SAID. THE INDEX ENDED THE MORNING 14.56 POINTS HIGHER AT 2,911.21. TURNOVER WAS A HEALTHY 895.83 MLN H.K. DLRS AGAINST 1.28 BILLION FOR ALL DAY TUESDAY.

THE HONG KONG INDEX ROSE NINE TO 1,917.10.

"NOW THAT IT HAS BROKEN THROUGH 2,900 IT'S NOT GOING BELOW IT AGAIN," A BROKER SAID. "WE WILL SEE SOME PROFIT-TAKING OFF THE PEAKS, HOWEVER." THE MORNING PEAK WAS 2,919. BROKERS SAID THERE WAS CONTINUED STRONG BUYING FROM TAIWANESE INVESTORS.

Currency rates

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRAD
-NATIONAL BANK	1.080	1.080	1.080	1.080	35000	
-GULF BANK	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	60000	
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.275					
-AHLI BANK	0.355	0.355	0.355	0.355	50000	
-B.K.M.E.	0.390					
-K.R.E.B.	0.390					
-BURGAN BANK	0.270	0.270	0.275	0.270	10000	
-K.F.HOUSE	0.520					
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KWT INV. CO.	0.102					
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210					
-K.I.I.C.	0.140					
-CON.FACILITIES	0.480					
-AHLIAH INV.	0.000					
-I.F.A.	0.096					
-INV. PEARL KWT	0.096					
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KWT INSURANCE	0.720					
-GULF INSURANCE	0.360					
-AHLIA INS. CO.	0.620					
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.400					
REAL EST SECTOR						
-KWT R.EST. CO.	0.184					
-UNI R.EST. CO.	0.076					
-NAT R.EST. CO.	0.202					
-SALHIAH R.E.	0.080					
-KWT R.E.I.CON	0.000					
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-NAT IND. CO.	0.550					
-KWT M.P. IND.	0.320					
-KWT CEMENT CO.	0.255					
-REF. IND. CO.	0.405					
-N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000					
-GULF CABLE	1.100					
-K.PH.IND. CO.	0.190					
-CONT.MARINE	0.280					
-K.SH.REP.CO	0.045					
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.082					
-K.W.C. CO.	0.180					
-KWT HOTELS CO.	0.170					
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.134					
-CON.MKT.CMPX.	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	240000	
-MOBILE TELE.	0.325	0.325	0.325	0.325	10000	
-KWT COMPUTER	0.156					
FOOD SECTOR						
-LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.238					
-UNTD FISHERIES	0.140					
-UNTD POULTRY	0.228					
-KWT FOODS	0.295					
-AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150					
NON-KWT SECTOR						
-BINH.INTER.BK	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.069	160000	
-BHM.W.EAST.BK	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	80000	
-UNTD.GULF BK	0.000					
-UNTD. INVEST.	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	160000	
-A.G.E.INV.CORP	0.035					
-FIRST.GULF BK	0.620					
-GULF MEDICAL.	0.030					
KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE						
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET						
FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRAD
-GULF INTL INS	0.000					
-ARAB INTL CO.	0.000					
-SHARJAH INS	0.000					
-GULF UNION INS	0.000					
-R.K.WHITE CMNT	0.000					
-AJMAN CEMENT	0.000					
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B-FUJAIRAH CEMENT	0.000					
C-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010					
D-GULF CEMENT	0.010					

ZÜRICH

STOCK		LAST PR-CLSE	OE BUEHR I	1225	1225
BAER HDGS	11500	11700	OE BUEHR N	388	388
BAILOISE PS	2350	2350	OE BUEHR P	375	376
BBC I A	2850	2815	ROCHE BABY	13675	13575
BK LEU I	3220	3200	ROCHE I	28000	30000
BK LEU N	2575	2625	RUECKVER I	10300	10525
BK LEU PS	423	430	RUECKVER N	7150	7080
CFV	0	1140	RUECKVER P	1640	1650
CIB GEIG I	2895	2880	RY TR BK	910	925
CIB GEIG N	2230	2225	S BKGSL I	3220	3230
CIB GEIG P	2295	2230	S BKGSL N	645	645
CKW	0	1300	S BKGSL P	120.50	120.50
CRED SUI I	2780	2805	S BKNVRN I	336	335
CRED SUI N	535	543	S BKNVRN N	298.00	300.00
EG LAUFEN	1825	1825	S BKNVRN P	206	297
ELEKTROMAT	3030	3040	SAIDIZ I	10050	9875
ENS CHEM I	4100	4025	SAIDIZ N	7760	7790
GLOBUS I	7150	7100	SAIDIZ PS	1710	1710
GLOBUS N	7000	6950	SULZER I	5125	5125
GLOBUS PS	1095	1125	SULZER PS	450	442
JACOBS S I	7050	7100	SVB	1810	1800
JACOBS S N	1350	1300	SWISSAIR	1025	1030
JACOBS S P	625	625	SWISSAIR N	965	960
JELM I	2675	2700	W THUR I	4340	4380
JELM PS	385	387	W THUR N	3225	3200
LANDIS N	1470	1480	W THUR PS	698	698
LANDIS PS	130	10130	ZURICH I	4675	4650
NERICH I	770	766	ZURICH N	3370	3350
			ZURICH PS	1735	1730

LONDON, Jan 18, (Reuters): A Underwriters reckon Piper

LONDON, Jan 18, (Reuters): A grim year beckons for players in the London-based world insurance market, who face huge claims and aren't hike premiums because of competition for business.

Premiums may actually fall in 1989, some brokers say.

"Rates are coming down and prospects are for a continued deterioration in the coming year," agreed Andrew Goodwin, an analyst of insurance at stock-brokers Phillips and Drew.

Losses recently led the Lloyd's of London insurance market, where more than 30,000 members insure anything from jumbo jets to pianists' hands, to ask whether it should scrap a policy which makes members personally liable on big claims to the full extent of their wealth.

Underwriters reckon Piper Alpha and claims from Brazil's Enchova oil platform, destroyed by fire, could bring almost \$2 billion in claims.

US liability business has seen a steep rise in claims related to health damage from asbestos and the aviation sector is suffering, too. An insurance analyst said: "Aviation is hellish despite recent losses."

Competitors

John Parton, chairman of the Institute of London Underwriters, said insurers needed to put rates up. But premiums are being squeezed by competitors keen for a share of a world market which Lloyd's and London firms traditionally dominated.

Underwriters said France,

Singapore Stock Market Report

U.S. DOLLAR ENDS MIXED IN NERVOUS SINGAPORE TRADE
SINGAPORE, JAN 18, REUTER - THE U.S. DOLLAR ENDED MIXED
AHEAD OF U.S. TRADE DATA DUE QUIT AT 1350 QHT, DEALERS SAID.
IT ROSE TO 1.8570/80 MARKS FROM NEW YORK'S 1.8510/15
CLOSE, BUT HELD STEADY AT 127.80/90 YEN.
"TRADERS HOPE THE DOLLAR WILL DROP TO 1.8300 MARKS AND
126.00 YEN AND THEN BUY BACK AT SOME LOWER LEVELS," HIROYOSHI
AKIYAMA, TREASURY MANAGER OF THE DAI-ICHI KANGYO BANK LTD
SAID, ADDING "BUT OPERATORS WANT TO TEST THE DOLLAR'S UPSIDE
AT 900 MARKS AND 129 YEN DESPITE FEARS OF....INTERVENTION."
A U.S. MANAGER SAID "A TECHNICAL CORRECTION IS DUE ANYTIME FOR
THE DOLLAR BUT PEOPLE WILL WANT TO BUY IT BACK."

KUWAIT, Jan 18, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were largely steady today in quiet trading as liquidity continued to be swollen by offshore funds.

Overnight and tomorrow-next deposits dealt at 1-1/2 per cent, while spot-next was quoted at 3-1/2, 2-1/2 per cent. The one-week was quoted at yesterday's five, four per cent after 4-1/2 per business.

Quiet

The fixed periods were quiet at seven, 6-3/4 per cent for the one-month, 7-1/2, 1/4 per cent for the two-month and 7-7/8, 5/8 per cent for the three-month.

The dinar slipped against the dollar, a trend since last Thursday, with the Central Bank fixing its dinar exchange rate at 0.28531/41 to the dollar and then at 0.28546/56 from yesterday's 0.28519/29. Commercial banks quoted spot rates of around 0.28543/53.

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deposit rates firmed in moderate trade today amid a shortage of Saudi ministry payments and higher dollar interest rates in international markets.

Firmec

Dealers said ministry payments expected this week had so far failed to materialise, resulting in a shortage of liquidity and upward pressure on sales.

One-month rial deposits firmed to 9-5/8, 3/8 per cent from 9-3/8, 1/4 yesterday. Three months rose to 9-11/16, 1/2 from 9-1/2, 3/8 and six months to 9-3/4, 9/16 from 9-5/8, 1/2. One year was 16 point firmer at 9-7/8, 3/4.

Iran to set up trade centre in Shariyah

ABU DHABI, Jan 18, (Reuters): Iran is planning to set up a trade centre in the Gulf emirate of Sharjah to boost commercial ties, the official Emirates news agency WAM reported today.

It said the chairman of the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Salm Al Qassimi, discussed the plan in talks on investment and trade with Iranian Ambassador Mustafa Fourneni Al Haeri.

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Stocks steady

Dollar shrugs off poor trade figures

NEW YORK, Jan 18, (Reuters): The dollar moved higher today, shrugging off unexpectedly poor US trade figures and intervention by central banks and reaching its highest level in three months.

The dollar initially fell on the trade report but recovered as recent bullish sentiment re-surfaced.

It first sagged to 1.84 marks but then bounced back strongly to 1.8660 from 1.8510 at yesterday's close.

Central banks of Canada, France, West Germany, Spain and the United States persistently sold the dollar, which seemed only to encourage even more buying by speculators. The Federal Reserve intervened twice in morning trading in New York, dealers said.

The dollar remained little changed against Japan's currency, however, quoted at 123 yen compared with the prior close of 127.85. It recovered from a low of 127.00.

Buoyed by the dollar's performance, the bond market recovered from an early setback and the stock market held onto recent gains that put it near its post-crash high.

The benchmark 30-year bond climbed one-third of a point, to 101-13/32. This lowered its yield to 8.86 per cent from 8.89 at yesterday's close.

Stocks were little changed, despite pre-opening worries that the poor trade figures might launch a selloff. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down a fraction of a point late in the morning. It declined 10 points yesterday on worries about the US trade report and profit-taking after recent gains.

The US trade deficit jumped 22 per cent in November to \$12.51 billion as exports sagged and imports climbed.

The figures caused no panic on Wall Street, unlike past slip-ups in the US trade performance. The 1987 stock market crash was

blamed largely on a weak trade report, released on the Thursday prior to the Oct 19 "Black Monday".

With the focus on the dollar and interest rates, dealers watched for signs of central bank intervention and debated whether the poor trade performance would be taken as an excuse to hike interest rates to blunt demand for imports.

Relatively high US interest rates, making interest-bearing dollar assets a good buy, have been siphoning money into the dollar since the start of 1989, causing it to rally strongly. The stronger dollar, in turn, supports US stocks and bonds by making dollar-denominated investments more attractive.

Gold futures were erratic on the Commodity Exchange in New York. February gold traded from \$405.20 to \$401.50 an ounce following release of the trade numbers. It later stabilised with a 30-cent loss at \$403.40.

"It looks like the high US

interest rates have won out over the trade numbers," said Bill Byers of Bear Stearns.

In London equities drifted from midsession highs in fairly quiet late-afternoon trading following a larger-than-expected US trade deficit for November and a subsequent dip on Wall Street, dealers said.

"Although there has been institutional demand for stock we seem to have run out of steam at the post-crash high," one trader commented. "Mind you, the market makers have been caught on the hop by the new year rally and will be happy to see prices a bit lower so they can get some stock back on their books."

At 1535 GMT the FTSE 100 was up 11.5 points at 1,879.2.

Peak

The FTSE 100 touched a peak of 1,890.2 just before the US trade number was published which compared with its post-crash intra-day high of 1,892.2 and post-crash closing high of

1,879.3 reached last June.

The index has rallied from 1,793.1 since the beginning of this year with the rise fuelled by a growth to record levels in institutional liquidity, dealers said.

News of a continued surplus in the UK public sector borrowing requirement in December was seen as positive, showing government revenues are still strong. The cumulative December PSBR surplus was £3.1 billion versus £1.1 billion in November.

Rumours

Packaging to central heating company MB Group rose 3p to 279 on high turnover of 8.2 million shares. Dealers noted rumours that Elders DXL may want to increase its MB holding or that Elders associate the South Australian Brewing Co. Ltd might be planning a bid.

Elders owns around 5.5 per cent of MB stock and around 20 per cent of South Australian Brewing. Elders was 1p higher at 137p.

Baker opposes shifting Third World debt to US taxpayers

WASHINGTON, Jan 18, (AP): James A. Baker III, nominated to be Secretary of State, told senators yesterday that he opposes shifting the burden of Third World debt to taxpayers in the United States or other creditor countries.

He added that reform of Third World countries' economies will need new capital and somehow that capital must be found.

Baker said he thought a way could be found to deal with the problem that did not shift the burden. He criticised a plan of Japan's former Finance Minister, Kiichi Miyazawa, which he said went in that direction.

"In addition, we were concerned that that proposal would put a premium upon repudiation by countries of their debt," he said. "That's one of the problems you have with these suggestions that come forward about creating a facility in the International Monetary Fund to buy Third

World debt (at a discount and make the discount available to a Third World nation. What that tends to do is put a premium on repudiation of a debt, because if a country says it's not going to pay, then the discount is greater."

Third World debt, now about \$1.3 trillion, is expected to get more attention from the administration of President-elect George Bush, who takes office on Friday. He has said the problem needs a new look. Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German Minister of Finance, said in Washington last week that the United States and six of its major allies would join in a meeting on the subject soon.

Sen. Paul Sarbanes, chairman of the joint Economic Committee of Congress, said it was unfair that banks should be selling debt at a discount without any benefit going to the debtor country. "Yes, I don't argue..." Baker began to reply, but Sarbanes cut

him off and turned to another subject.

Baker said he was disappointed that banks had not made more new loans under his proposal of 1985, which called for them to lend an additional \$20 billion in the Third World during the following three years.

Lent

"I'm disappointed that commercial banks that made many loans in the 1970s did not see fit, in the face of reforms by many of those countries down there, to come forward with additional capital in the 1980s," he said.

Bankers say they have lent about \$6 billion a year in the last three years, and that more loans should come from governments and intergovernmental institutions like the fund.

Baker said he would worry that any plan requiring banks to take a specific proportion of losses would be contrary to the US constitution.

Velayati hails Perez' efforts to strengthen OPEC

Venezuela ready to help Iran in its post-war reconstruction

NICOSIA, Jan 18, (AP): Venezuelan President-elect Carlos Andres Perez said his country is ready to help Iran in its post-war reconstruction, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported today.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said that Andres Perez met with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati last night soon after he arrived in Tehran from Dubai for a 24-hour visit.

They discussed bilateral relations and efforts by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to curb production and bolster oil prices.

IRNA said Andres Perez, who is touring OPEC members in the Gulf region, stressed that unity among OPEC's 13 members, which include Venezuela and Iran, was vital to maintain stability in the oil market.

Velayati praised Andres Perez's efforts to strengthen OPEC and said Iran will work toward the same objective. Earlier yesterday, Iranian President Ali Khamenei greeted Andres Perez at Tehran's

Mehrabad airport and said Venezuela and Iran shared many views on Third World issues and that Andres Perez "is a prominent political figure."

"His trip can lead to the expansion of bilateral economic ties and help in OPEC-related problems," Khamenei said.

Andres Perez had also been expected to seek support in Tehran for his proposal for an OPEC summit conference to coincide with the organisation's 30th anniversary next year "to review norms and standards of the organisation."

Andres Perez was expected to fly to Baghdad later today, where he will confer with Iraqi leaders on boosting OPEC solidarity.

Iraq agreed in November to accept an OPEC production quota of 2.4 million barrels of oil a day after Iran, its enemy in the eight-year-old Gulf war, agreed to Baghdad's demand for parity.

Iraq had refused for two years to accept a proposed OPEC quota of 1.5 million barrels a day and insisted on parity with Iran, which had a quota of 2.36 million barrels.

The wrangle was a major source of division with the oil organisation.

Since Jan 1, OPEC's overall production quota has been 18.5 million barrels a day. The agreement was aimed at limiting output amid a world oil glut and nudging staging prices back up to the OPEC benchmark of \$18 a barrel.

The Gulf fighting halted oil exports when a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire took effect. Peace talks have stalled.

Support

In Abu Dhabi, Andres Perez pledged support for the United Arab Emirates' demand for higher oil production quotas because of growing demand for oil.

He told a news conference yesterday before leaving for Baghdad that OPEC would be able to consider the UAE demand because he believed that adherence to the quota system, after months of runaway overproduction by some of the organisation's members, would lead to an increase in world demand.

Oman to open stock exchange

MUSCAT, Jan 18, (Reuters): Oman is putting the finishing touches to a stock exchange which it hopes will set local savings to work and lure back funds invested abroad.

Bankers and financial analysts said there was public interest in the Gulf state in buying shares but they did not expect any firms to rush to issue shares in the Muscat securities market, due to start trading before April.

"The main aim of setting up the exchange is to get local savings into industry and in the longer run perhaps persuade some of the people with large sums offshore to bring this money into the country," a Muscat-based foreign banker said.

"An interest definitely exists," said another banker. "But I cannot see big local companies, mostly owned by individual or families, rushing to offer shares unless they are in urgent need of cash."

Only if share prices rose competitively would companies start to use the exchange to generate funds, bankers said.

Hashem Ali Sabbagh, chairman of the Muscat Securities Market, said 71 joint stock companies with a total capital of 333 million Omani riyals (\$955 million) would be listed on the new exchange floor, under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry building.

There will be a primary market for new share and bond issues and a secondary market for trading those already held publicly.

Initially only local companies would be listed and Omani nationals could trade but investors from Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) member states might be allowed to join.

The GCC groups Oman with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, the UAE and Qatar.

Financial analysts said the market would have to yield more than elsewhere if it was to bring home money invested abroad — estimated at as much as \$1 billion by 1986.

Oman has no restrictions on sending money abroad. Local investors moved largely to foreign investments following a crash in oil prices in 1986 and a subsequent recession in the Gulf.

Investors will trade through securities companies and brokers. Commercial banks would also be allowed to do business.

The largest locally-owned bank, Oman International Bank, is setting up an investment banking unit to participate.

Bankers did not believe the exchange would dry up deposits. "Money drawn from the banks to buy securities will return to the banks through companies," one said. "We all operate in the same system."

US factory use hit 9-year high in December

WASHINGTON, Jan 18, (AP): The operating rate at US factories, mines and utilities rose in December to the highest rate since November 1979, the government reported today.

The Federal Reserve Board said the use of industrial capacity rose 0.1 percentage points to 84.2 per cent last month, the highest rate since 84.3 per cent in November 1979. The operating rate for November 1988 was a revised 84.1 per cent.

As capacity use edges toward 84 per cent, economists fear factories will have trouble producing enough goods to meet demand, leading to shortages and price increases.

In an accompanying report, the Federal Reserve said industrial production climbed 0.3 per cent in December following a revised increase of 0.4 per cent in November.

The Fed's industrial production index now stands at 140.2 per cent of its 1977 base, reflecting sharp gains in auto production and continued strength in production of construction supplies.

At manufacturing plants, the operating rate climbed to 84.4 per cent last month from 84.3 per cent in October. Production of durable goods — "big-ticket" items expected to last at least three years — rose 0.1 percentage points to 83.0 per cent. Production of non-durable goods fell by a like margin to 86.4 per cent.

Industries with especially strong operating rates over the past two years include primary metals, chemicals, fabricated metal products, non-electrical machinery, autos and parts. Use of motor vehicles and parts manufacturing capacity rose for the fifth straight month to 88.1 per cent, up from 85.5 per cent in November.

The December operating rate at utilities was 81.9 per cent, up from 81.3 per cent a month earlier. In the mining sector, which includes oil and gas drilling, the operating rate was up 0.1 percentage points to 83.3 per cent.

The Federal Reserve's production index has not declined since September 1987, reflecting an export-driven manufacturing boom accompanied by a surge in spending for capital equipment to expand and modernise factories.

OPEC has cut excess oil output sharply

LONDON, Jan 18, (Reuters): OPEC has cut its oil output by a sharp 16 per cent since a new accord to curb excess supply took effect on Jan 1, industry sources said today.

Analysts with major oil companies reckoned that the group's output of crude oil in the first half of January was about 19 million barrels daily, nearly four million below December.

But they said it remained above a ceiling of 18.5 million set under the new quota system brought into force by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to try to erase a glut and drive prices higher.

Lows

Spot prices have, in fact, rallied and are now about 40 per cent above recent lows to which the glut drove them in October before OPEC clinched its new production-sharing agreement.

Benchmark US West Texas Intermediate crude rose \$19 yesterday for the first time in 13 months, helped by firm demand for refined products in the United States as well as traders' belief that OPEC has begun to restore discipline.

OPEC's output surged to hit 22.76 million barrels daily in December, according to an earlier Reuters survey of industry analysts. They now assess it at between 18.8 and 19.2 million but add that precise estimates are not possible on the basis of only two weeks' production. Each seller's output can vary widely from one week to the next.

Gains

Market analysts said that if the excess is limited to about half a million barrels daily prices should maintain their gains.

"The perception is that 19 million is okay for the first quarter of this year," one major company analyst said.

Saudi Arabia was estimated to have pumped an average 4.35 million barrels daily in the first two weeks of January, Gulf industry sources said, slightly below its OPEC quota.

Iraq was felt to be having no problems meeting a new quota of 2.64 million barrels daily. But analysts said the other former Gulf war combatant, Iran, was unlikely to reach its assigned 2.64 million after producing 2.4 million in December, partly because of war damage.

Productive sectors gather momentum

KUWAIT, Jan 18, (KUNA): The board chairman and managing director of Kuwait Real Estate Bank Saad Al Nahedh was quoted as saying Kuwait's economy has scored notable accomplishments during the past year with certain productive sectors gathering momentum.

Interviewed by a local daily, published here today, he cited as example the developments in the real estate sector and certain activities in the commercial sector "which indicated that a new phase of activity had been formulated."

"That was an important indication of Kuwait economy's return to normal growth following the Iraq-Iran ceasefire which prompted hopes of further improvement in the Gulf region," Al Nahedh said.

"Among those positive policies," he said, "was the application by the Kuwait Central Bank of a new structure for KD interest rates last December."

Oil prices top \$19 for first time in over a year

NEW YORK, Jan 18, (Reuters): US oil prices topped \$19 a barrel yesterday for the first time in over a year on signs that OPEC is adhering to a new production accord, but they later fell back slightly due to profit-taking.

In volatile trading, the February contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange rose as high as \$19.21 a barrel, its highest since November 1987, but then retreated. It ended the day at \$18.95, with a gain of seven cents.

Higher

The members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries were subject to new output limit of 18.5 million barrels daily beginning Jan 1, as the organisation tried to end the high production that had sent world oil prices tumbling. In December the OPEC members produced an estimated 22.8 million barrels daily.

"The market is higher and OPEC is the underlying cause," said Peter Beutel of Elders Futures Inc.

The pact, which replaced lower limits that were widely ignored, was adopted in late November. Since then, prices have risen nearly \$4 a barrel.

Beutel said OPEC production fell to around 19.55 million barrels daily in the first half of January.

He said the market's strength also reflected optimism towards talks between OPEC and non-OPEC producers set for later this month.

But the surge above \$19 seemed to make some traders nervous. Stephen Platt, analyst at Dean Witter Reynolds, said the recent rally in prices made the market vulnerable to some profit-taking.

Classic

"It was a classic correction after a fundamental move up," said Madison Galbraith, broker at Merrill Lynch futures. "Enough people took profits to keep a lid on the market around \$19 a barrel," he said.

Among other grades of oil, North Sea Brent crude was up

about 20 cents at \$17.20 a barrel for February delivery on the spot market, where actual barrels of oil are traded.

In addition, the signs of OPEC restraint, the market has also been buoyed by strong demand for oil products.

The government's energy information administration reported on Monday that total products supplied in the four weeks ended Dec 30 were up 4.9 per cent from a year ago.

The brisk sales pace was expected to be carried through to the first quarter.

Enthusiasm

Heating oil failed to share in the enthusiasm for crude, however. The February contract was down 0.11 cents at \$3.05 cents a gallon, due to relatively warm temperatures in much of the Northeast.

Petrol prices rose, with the February contract for unleaded gas up 0.19 cents at \$1.10 cents a gallon.

Contracts that expire in the

summer rose sharply. A number of states in the Northeast are due to impose rules in the summer on pollution from petrol vapours, and analysts say the new rules will reduce the amount of petrol that can be yielded from each barrel of crude oil.

The May, June and July gas contracts all rose the two-cent daily limit allowed, closing at around 54 cents a gallon.

Curb

Meanwhile, in London, oil prices rose higher yesterday helped by a brief in the market that OPEC sellers will obey new output quotas and curb excess supply.

West Texas Intermediate, the key US crude, broke above the psychologically-important price of \$19 a barrel for the first time in 13 months.

"If it holds there it is a very strong sign and (prices) will probably continue to go up," a European trader said.

North Sea and Middle East prices also rose.

Auto imports drop

US trade deficit in November largest in 5 months

WASHINGTON, Jan 18, (AP): The US trade deficit widened dramatically to \$12.5 billion in November, the largest imbalance in five months, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said the gap between what the United States imports and what it sells overseas was 21.9 per cent higher than the October deficit of \$10.3 billion.

The sharply higher deficit was blamed on a big jump in imports, which shot up to \$39.7 billion, \$1.6 billion above the October level. Exports, which have been booming this year, declined by \$639 million to \$27.2 billion.

The November deficit was the largest since a \$13.2-billion imbalance in June.

Performance

In the past, a sharp worsening of the nation's trade performance has sent stock waves through financial markets. However, analysts said that the new report may not have as dramatic an impact because it

had been widely forecast.

Even with the November deterioration, the trade deficit for the first 11 months of 1988 was running at an annual rate of \$137.3 billion, almost 20 per cent below the all-time imbalance of \$170.3 billion set in 1987.

The improvement in trade in 1988 has been largely responsible for the overall prosperity the country enjoyed last year. But analysts have started worrying that the trade improvement, which was powered by a surge in export sales, is in danger of stalling out this year.

Threat

If that occurs, it raises the threat that President-elect George Bush's administration, which takes office on Friday, will have to deal with a possible recession. The new President certainly will face growing calls for new trade barriers to protect American manufacturers.

"This is curtains for any hope that we are going to get the trade deficit under control any time

soon," said Michael Evans, head of a Washington economic forecasting firm.

Many economists believe the US dollar will have to fall to spur further sales of American exports. With the value of the dollar lower, foreign buyers spend less for US goods.

The Bush administration is worried that sharp declines in the dollar could worsen US inflation by increasing the cost of imports.

For November, the 4.2 per cent rise in imports reflected big increases in imports of business capital equipment, which rose by \$1.1 billion, and consumer goods other than autos, which climbed by \$697 million.

The rise in capital goods reflected increases in US purchases of iron and steel products, airplanes and heavy equipment such as metal working machinery.

American industry has been rushing to expand and modernise production facilities to meet increased demand. However, much of the expansion has come

through the purchase of foreign capital equipment.

Auto imports dropped by \$229 million during November. The nation's foreign oil bill fell a slight 0.4 per cent to \$3.13 billion, reflecting a drop in both the amount of oil imported and the price, which fell to an average price of \$13.38 per barrel.

The 2.3 per cent drop in exports in November reflected declines in sales of US farm products and capital goods.

By country, the deficit with Japan was the largest — a \$5.3-billion imbalance — followed by a \$2-billion deficit with Western Europe.

The overall trade figures are adjusted to reflect normal seasonal variations. The deficits with individual countries are not.

Evans said he expected the deficit would remain at the current high levels for all of 1989 as the demand for foreign goods by American consumers showed little sign of slackening despite higher prices.

IBM reports 12pc profit gain

NEW YORK, Jan 18, (Reuters): International Business Machines Corp., the world's largest computer company, said today its profit in the fourth quarter of 1988 rose 12.4 per cent to \$2.35 billion, rounding off its best year since 1985.

Strong acceptance of new products, which led to a nearly 10 per cent sales rise in the fourth quarter, along with a lower cost structure were given credit for the higher profit.

For the year, the computer giant's earnings rose 10.4 per cent to \$5.81 billion revenue climbed eight per cent to \$59.68 billion.

Weaker

IBM stock declined \$1 to \$122.75, however, as investors took profits on the shares in a generally weaker stock market where stronger earnings were anticipated.

"Our customers have responded positively to improved products in every segment of our business, and we have increased our efficiency significantly," chairman John Akers said in a statement.

It was the biggest money-making year for IBM since 1985, when the company had record earnings of \$6.56 billion.

Since that time, IBM has moved to control costs and re-establish its lead in some key segments, such as mid-sized computers, where others have made inroads.

Analysts were generally

pleased with the fourth-quarter results and said IBM appeared poised for further gains in the year ahead. Analysts had been expecting IBM to show a quarterly profit rise of 10 to 18 per cent.

Revenues

The computer maker's revenues in the fourth quarter climbed 9.3 per cent, to \$20.0 billion, while per-share earnings rose a solid 14.4 per cent to \$3.97, partly due to a reduction in the number of shares outstanding.

The fourth-quarter net profit was even more impressive because it included the absorption of a one-time charge of \$270 million to cover the costs of

greater-than-expected personnel departures. The lower employment levels should give a boost to future earnings periods, analysts said.

The company reported that 6,500 employees had decided to leave, compared with earlier estimate of 3,000 to 4,000. The reductions were linked to manufacturing and headquarters consolidations.

Consolidating

The annual results included an \$870 million charge for estimated costs of consolidating plants and corporate staff, with \$600 million recorded in the second quarter and the remainder in the final quarter.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Jan 18, (Reuters): Prices were barely steady in nervous trade with investors awaiting announcement of US November trade figures. The All Ordinaries index was up 0.3 at 1,502.3.

TOKYO: Underlying bullish sentiment pushed prices to a record close as bargain-hunters returned to the market. The Nikkei index climbed 127.03 to 31,354.55.

HONG KONG: The market consolidated a bull run, with the Hang Seng index closing above a key resistance point and setting a post-crash high. Dealers predicted further rises. The index

gained 16.40 to 2,913.05. SINGAPORE: Prices fell over a broad front on profit-taking in moderate trading. The Straits Times industrial index fell 10.41 to 1,094.41.

Dear Junior Readers,

Ever heard of a eunuchoidal giantess? Or try this one — desquamation. The first one refers to the tallest woman in North America, the second means a disease where you lose skin by scaling. Both these words appeared in our paper this week.

Everyday we come across new terms and words which we've never heard of before. Instead of skipping over these unfamiliar words we should find out what they mean and try and use them in a sentence. There's nothing like word power to keep you a step ahead of everyone else.

How about learning one new word a day, to incorporate in your VOCABULARY? In case you don't know what that means, I suggest you look in your dictionary now!

Enjoy your weekend.

Auntie Ghazala

Birthday greetings

Juan D'Souza celebrates his birthday today. Many happy returns from Jason D'Cunha.



Answers to Tuesday's crossword.

Across: 1 Expectation; 7 Glimmer; 8 Err; 9 Tide; 11 Glee; 13 Roe; 15 Lye; 17 Nears; 21 Rod; 22 Begrimed; 23 Desperation
Down: 1 Eight; 2 Print; 3 Camber; 4 Awry; 5 Ideal; 6 Nurse; 10 Icy; 12 Ear; 14 Enigma; 15 Lurid; 16 Rides; 18 Alibi; 19 Sheen; 20 Able.

Verse and worse

Said an envious erudite

ermine:

There's one thing I cannot

determine.

When a girl wears my coat

She's a person of note;

When I wear it I'm only

called vermin.

Algy meets a bear.

The bear met Algy.

The bear was bulgy.

The bulge was Algy.

It's hard to lose a friend

When your heart is full of

hope.

But it's worse to lose a

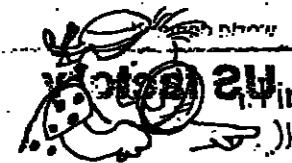
towel

When your eyes are full of

soap.

FIND THEM

There's a hidden word in every capitalized word. The letters to each hidden word will be in the right order.



- Find a drink in **TEACHER**.
- Find 2,000 pounds in **TONGUE**.
- Find a clear soup in **BROTHER**.
- Find an animal in **TRAMP**.



Truly amazing!

If you travelled south from Vancouver Island on the west coast of Canada, you would not touch land until you reached Antarctica.

In theory the lowest possible temperature is — 273.15°C, absolute zero.

A column of pennies 3 metres high was collected in London for charity.

The United States Library of Congress contains 73 million volumes, housed on 350 miles of shelving.

There is a set of traffic lights in Venice which controls the junction of two canals.

It is illegal to sell anti-freeze to Indians in Quebec, Canada.

In 1965 a Japanese created a slow-bicycling record by remaining stationary for 5 hours 25 minutes.

Hundreds of fossil jellyfish found in Australia, prove that the area was covered by the sea 600 million years ago.

A temple to the 'God of Food' in Nepal, is decorated with countless offerings of pots and pans.

The first voyage of Sindbad

LONG, long, ago, in the reign of the Caliph Haroun Al Rashid, there dwelt in the city of Baghdad a poor man named Hindbad, who gained a living by carrying goods from place to place for other people; in fact, he was a porter.

Though, as a rule, he did not grumble with his lot, there were times when he was not content. One of these times happened to be, when, tired out by the weight of his load, he had sat down to rest outside the house of a very rich man whose name was Sindbad.

As the soft strains of music from the house reached his ears, and the scent of rare perfumes fell upon his senses, he was struck by the difference between his lot and that of the man whose name was so like his own.

"Why should I be so poor, and he so rich?" said Hindbad aloud; "am I not as good a man as he?"

Sindbad, hearing the words without seeing the speaker, sent a servant to bring Hindbad before him, and the poor man, fearing he knew not what, went into the splendid hall where Sindbad was feasting with a number of his friends.

Pointing to a seat at his right hand, Sindbad gave his guest a share of the good things on the table, and the meal being at length finished, "Tell me," said he, "why you were grumbling?"

"Pardon me, my lord," replied Hindbad, "I was weary and sad at heart."

"Have no fear," said Sindbad kindly, "I do not blame you for your words; but, that you may know

how hard I had to work to win the riches I now enjoy, let me tell you the story of my life."

With these words he began as follows:

"When I was but a young man my father died, leaving me a very large fortune, nearly the whole of which I spent in enjoying myself. At last I began to think, unless I wished to become poor, I had better try to make some more money with the little left to me, so, having bought some goods, I set sail for the Arabian Gulf, hoping to sell or exchange them at a profit."

The ship called at several small islands, where we did some good trading. One day, when the vessel could not move for want of wind to fill her sails, we saw what seemed to be a little green field peeping above the water. Thinking it very strange, a party of us rowed out to it, taking some wood for a fire, and food, so that we might hold a feast.

We had all landed, and were in the middle of our meal when we found to our horror that we were on the back of some huge sea-monster. The creature shook its great body, and lashed its tail so angrily that as many as could

jumped into the boat, others into the sea, and soon all except myself were aboard the ship.

A fresh breeze had begun to blow, and the sails being set at once, away went the ship, leaving me still on the monster's back. Suddenly the huge creature dived under water, and I should have gone too, but by seizing a large piece of wood I kept myself afloat.

All through that day and through the night I was tossed about by the waves, but was at last thrown on to the shore of what was really an island. After a while the sun came out, warming me, and making me feel that if I wished to gain strength I must seek some food.

Dragging myself with great pain toward the middle of the island, I had the good fortune to find a few herbs. These I ate, drinking afterwards from a spring of clear, cool water.

Wishing to see on what sort of place I had been cast, I walked on until a man met me, who, hearing my strange story, took me to a cave in which were several other men. They were the servants of the ruler of the island, and had come to this part of it in order to fetch his horses

back to the palace.

It was lucky for me that I met them that day; had it not been for this I should most likely have died, as I could never have found my way to the other side of the island, where the people lived, and to which the king's servants were returning next day.

They were very kind, giving me food to eat, and taking me with them when they set out on their journey. As soon as we reached the palace they took me before the king, who also treated me with great kindness. He listened to my story, pitied my sad state, and asked me to stay with him as long as I cared to.

Now the chief city of his kingdom, the city in which I made my home, was built on the seashore. Everyday ships came to it from all parts of the world, and I, hoping to meet someone from my own town, spent a great deal of time watching these ships, and talking to the merchants who came and went in them.

I also grew friendly with some of the natives — Indians they were, and very wise persons; but I never forgot to pay a daily visit to the king, with whose chief men I had many pleasant talks about the way in which their country and my own were governed.

Hearing one day of the island of Cassel, and of the sounds of drums being beaten every night on the shore, I had a great wish to visit it, which I did, seeing many large and curious fishes on my voyage.

Shortly after my return from Cassel, the very ship



in which I had set out from Bussorah, and which had sailed away leaving me struggling for life in the water, came into the harbour. Among the many bundles of goods brought from this vessel to the shore I saw those which I had bought, and on which my name was clearly written. But, on telling the captain my name, and that I wished to have my goods, he looked at me in surprise.

"How can you be Sindbad?" he asked, "when I myself saw him drowned. I fear you are not an honest man, though you look like one. I believe you are telling a lie in order to get these goods which do not belong to you."

I was at some pains to make him believe I spoke the truth, and, at last, on several of the sailors saying they were sure I was Sindbad, he let me have the goods.

Having looked through my bundle, I carried the very best of the goods to the kindly king, and asked him to take them as a gift. He seemed pleased with the gift, but not quite sure how

I, a poor man cast up by the sea, had been able to get them.

I then told him of the coming of the ship, and the finding of my own bales of goods, on which he took my costly present with great pleasure, and gave me one worth far more in return. I next sold or exchanged the rest of my goods, and having bidden his majesty good-bye, set sail for Bussorah, taking with me many articles made only on the island. These I sold for a large sum of money, for so much, indeed, that I had no further need to work."

When Sindbad had finished the story of his first voyage, he ordered the band to play again, and spent the rest of the day with his guests. The poor porter, who never in all his life had been so well treated before, enjoyed himself greatly, and, when the rich man, on bidding him good-night, bade him come again the next day to hear more of his story, giving him at the same time a purse full of money, Hindbad was delighted at his good fortune.

Waiter minute!

Well, you said you wanted some change in your meals.

I've only got one piece of meat! All right, I'll cut it in two for you.

What about meat balls? I've never been to any.

There's a button in my lettuce! That must be from the salad dressing.

This egg's bad! Don't blame me. I only lay the table.

How long will my pizza be? We don't do long ones, sir. Only round.

What's this fly doing in my soup? Looks like backstroke, sir.

I've just found a maggot in my salad! That's better than finding half a maggot, isn't it?

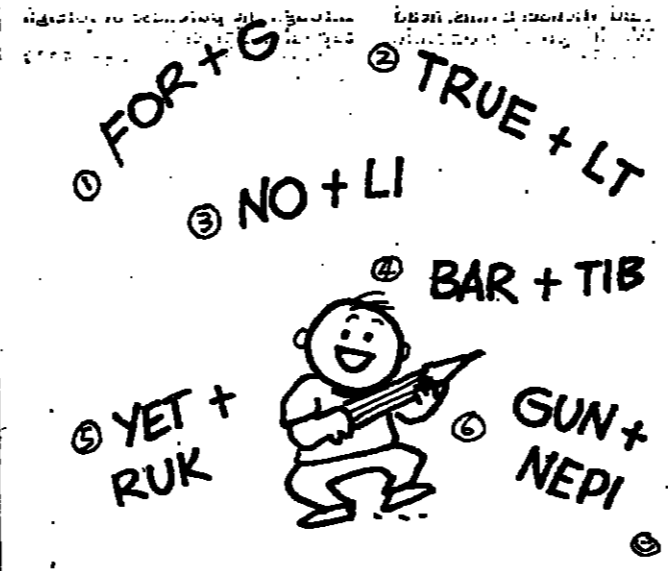
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- Find them — 1. car; 2. tea; 3. ton; 4. broth; 5. ram

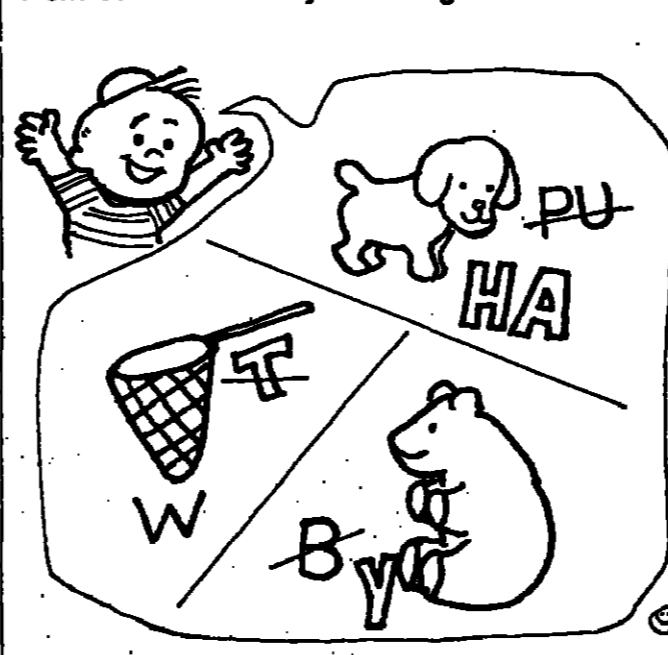
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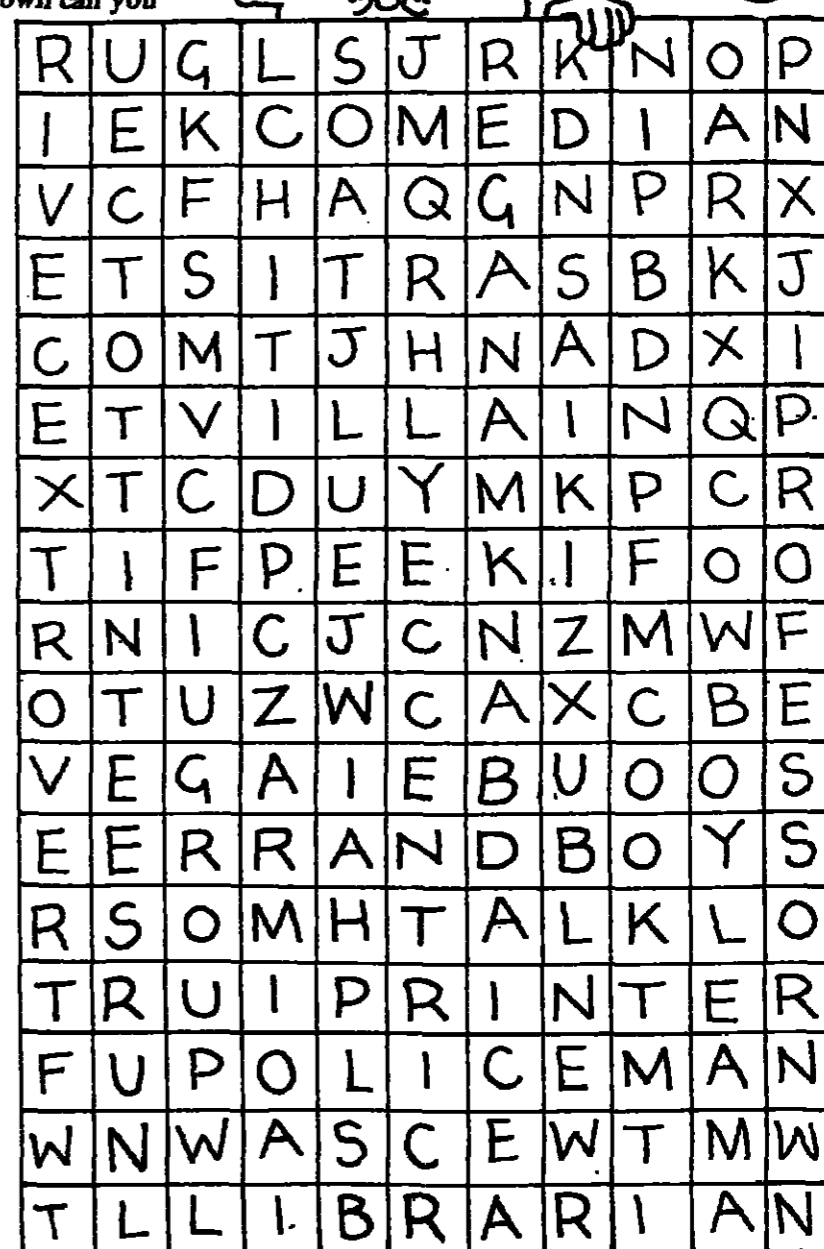
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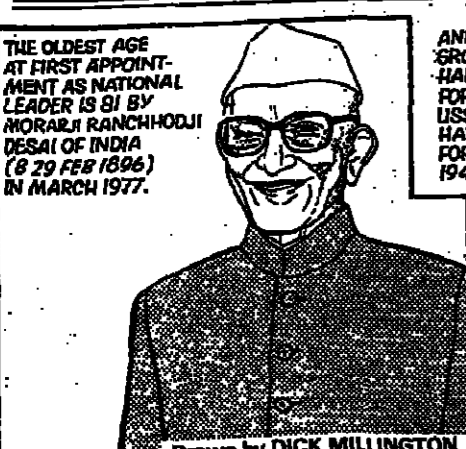
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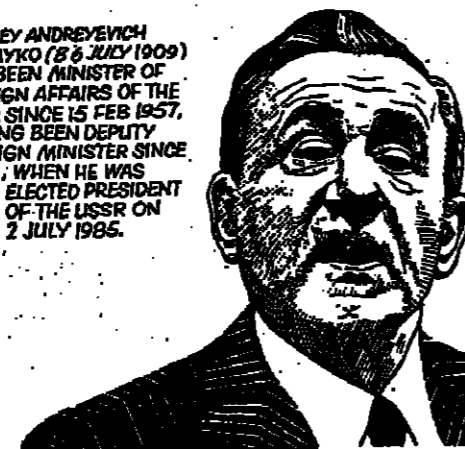
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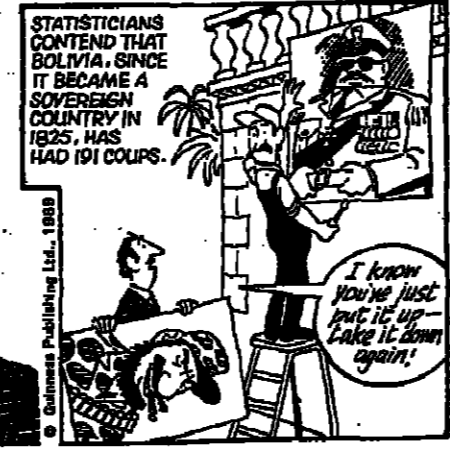
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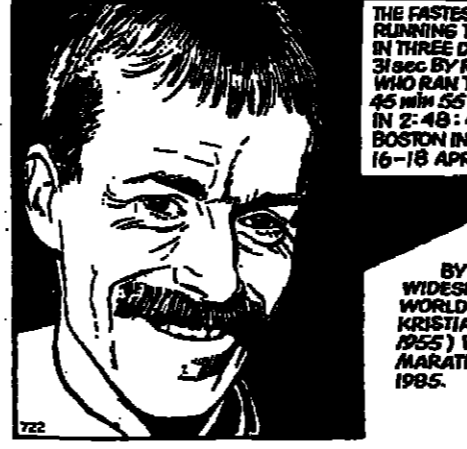
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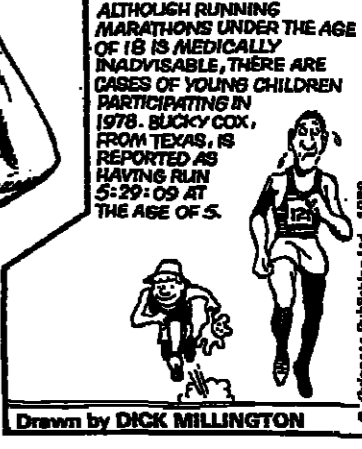
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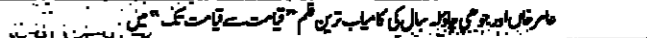
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رپورٹ: سید محمد امجدی

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Hopson and McGee take Nets past Spurs

NEW YORK, Jan 18, (AP): Dennis Hopson and Mike McGee each scored 24 points and Lester Conner tallied four points in a late 6-0 spurt yesterday as the New Jersey Nets handed the San Antonio Spurs their sixth straight loss 117-112.

The Nets, who led by 19 points in the first half, saw the Spurs rally in the second half behind Willie Anderson, who had 19 of his 25 points after intermission. San Antonio took a 104-102 lead with 4:11 to go on a jumper by Darwin Cook. But Conner tied the game with another jumper, Joe Barry Carroll hit a hook shot and Conner added two free throws to give the Nets a 108-104 advantage.

San Antonio pulled to 112-110 with 38 seconds remaining, but the Nets scored five of the game's final seven points from the free throw line.

Alvin Robertson led the Spurs with 23 points.

Hawks 111, Bucks 98
Five points by Glen "Doc" Rivers in the final 2:13, including a key 3-point basket, staved off a fourth-period Milwaukee surge and powered the Atlanta Hawks to a 111-98 victory.

The Hawks' second straight win was only their third in eight games and snapped Milwaukee's six-game winning streak. It was the Bucks' second loss in 12 games — both to Atlanta.

Bulls 103, Pacers 96
Michael Jordan, held to just 11 points for three quarters, erupted for 11 fourth-period points and dished off 13 assists to help lead the Chicago Bulls to a 103-96 triumph over the Indiana Pacers.

Bill Cartwright scored 7 of his 21 points during a 19-4 third-quarter burst and John Paxson shattered Indiana's defense with 11 jump shots and a season-high 24 points as Chicago handed Indiana its 17th road loss against just one win. It was only the third time in 35 games this season that Jordan has failed to lead the Bulls in scoring.

Supersonics 130, Clippers 107
Dale Ellis scored 15 of his 28 points in the second quarter as the Seattle Supersonics dealt the Los Angeles Clippers their 10th straight defeat, 130-107.

The Supersonics, who won their 13th consecutive home game, outscored the Clippers 40-22 during the second period to take a 69-46 halftime lead.

Alton Lister scored 10 of his 18 points in the third quarter as Seattle extended its lead to as many as 29 points in that period at 96-67.

Kings 123, Rockets 109
Harold Pressley scored seven of his game-high 24 points in the final five minutes as the Sacramento Kings defeated the Houston Rockets 123-109. Ed Pinckney added 20 and LaSalle Thompson 18 for Sacramento. Eric Floyd topped Houston with 23 points, while Akem Olajuwon added 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Jazz 111, Trail Blazers 110
John Stockton sank four free throws in the final 14 seconds and Karl Malone scored 26 points as the Utah Jazz defeated the Portland Trail Blazers 111-110.

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RICHARDS, JONES AND HAYNES SHINE IN RAIN-HIT MATCH

W. Indies beat Australia to clinch trophy

SYDNEY, Jan 18, (Reuters): West Indies triumphed in the World Series Cup as captain Viv Richards hit an unbeaten 60 to secure victory in the third and last match of the finals today after rain had negated Australia's commanding position.

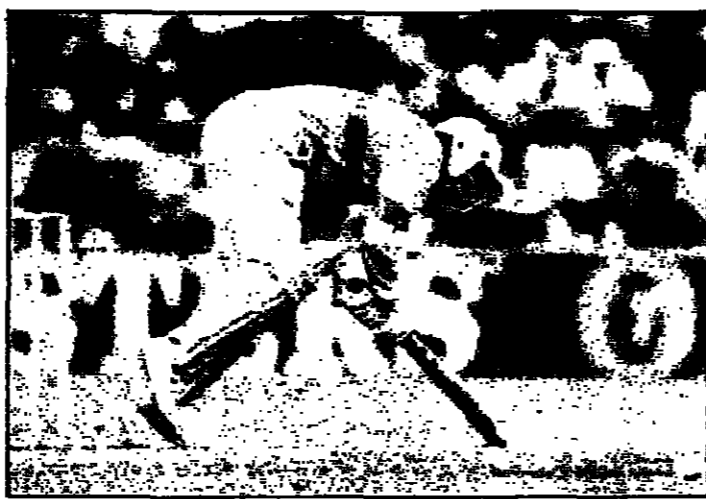
Allan Border's Australians hammered 226 for four in their 38 overs — rain reduced the game from the scheduled 50 overs — to leave West Indies facing a run rate of 5.94 per over.

However, further rain in the West Indian innings reduced their target to 108 in 18 overs. They swept home at 111 for two with 28 deliveries to spare after Richards and opener Desmond Haynes (40 not out) shared an unfinished third wicket stand of 107.

West Indies' victory on faster run rate in the day-night contest gave them the Cup 2-1, following their 92-run win in the second game on Monday and Australia's success by two runs in the opening clash last Saturday.

Border took a gamble by batting first after winning the toss under a heavily overcast sky and, following a cautious start, they were 83 for two in the 24th over when rain set in.

But the improvisation and aggression of Dean Jones, who struck 93 not out, and Steve Waugh (27 not out), enabled Australia to lift the tempo late in their innings.



Marsh bends over in pain after being struck in the groin by a ball from W. Indies' Ian Bishop. (Reuters wirephoto)

Jones, nursing a hairline fracture on his right index finger after being struck by a lifting delivery from Curtly Ambrose, carried the attack to the bowlers, hitting eight fours and two sixes.

He put on 67 for the third wicket with Border (32), who played an effective supportive role until he went for a big hit off Richards and was caught by Richie Richardson near the boundary.

Australia continued to score rapidly and took 18 runs off Malcolm Marshall in one over, with Jones lashing a six and two fours. Steve Waugh sustained the momentum by making his 27 off

only 17 balls — including a four and a six off the final two deliveries of the innings.

Fast-medium bowler Terry Alderman kept Australia in charge by dismissing Gordon Greenidge for four and Richie Richardson without scoring in three deliveries in his first over.

West Indies, four for two at that point, were uncertainly placed on 47 for two when rain interrupted their innings. But their fortunes changed when play resumed 70 minutes later, a reduction in the target leaving them the relatively simple task of scoring a further 61 off 68 balls. Richards and joint Man of the



Jones watches the ball as it heads towards the boundary. (Reuters wirephoto)

Finals Haynes went about their run-chase smoothly against a dejected Australian side who seemed to accept their chance of winning had been washed away by the downpours.

West Indies needed only another 40 deliveries to complete victory, Richards's whirlwind 60 taking 40 balls and Haynes getting his 40 from 35 deliveries.

Border, receiving his shared

Man of the Finals award, said: "It was just one of those situations that when the rain comes, you lose any advantage of batting first. It turned out when the rain came our task was doubly difficult."

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA	
G. Marsh run out	31
D. Boon b Walsh	16
D. Jones not out	96
A. Border c Richardson b Richards	32
M. Waugh b Hooper	5
S. Waugh not out	27
Extras (b-6 lb-9 nb-3 w-4)	22
Total (for four wickets, 38 overs)	226
Fall of wickets: 1-40 2-70 3-137 4-152	

Did not bat: S. O'Donnell, I. Healy, P. Taylor, M. Hughes, T. Alderman.
Bowling: Marshall 8-0-45-0, Ambrose 8-1-45-0 (1st 3w), Bishop 7-0-32-0 (2nd 1w), Walsh 7-0-39-1, Hooper 5-0-38-1, Richards 3-0-12-1.

WEST INDIES
C. Greenidge c Waugh b Alderman 4
D. Haynes not out 40
R. Richardson c Healy b Alderman 0
V. Richards not out 60
Extras (lb-6 w-1) 7
Total (for two wickets, 13.2 overs) 111

Fall of wickets: 1-42-4
Did not bat: G. Legge, C. Hooper, D. Williams, M. Marshall, C. Ambrose, I. Bishop, C. Walsh.

Bowling: Alderman 4-0-22-2 (1 w), Hughes 3-0-21-0, Waugh 3-2-0-27-0, Taylor 2-0-23-0, O'Donnell 1-0-12-0.
Result: West Indies won on a superior run rate.

West Indies won World Series Cup 2-1.
Man-of-the-Finals series: shared by Allan Border and Desmond Haynes.

S. African ban must stay: Pichanick

HARARE, Jan 18, (Reuters): Zimbabwe, until 1980 a cricketing province of South Africa, now firmly supports the isolation of its neighbour from the international game until Pretoria adopts a one man, one vote system of government.

That is the view of Zimbabwe Cricket Union president Alwyn Pichanick, a white lawyer who is likely to play an influential role at the crucial meeting next week of the International Cricket Conference in London.

Prevail
Zimbabwe, the most prominent of the 18 associate ICC members, lines up with West Indies and India in supporting moves to bar from Test cricket England players who go to South Africa.

"I hope that good sense will prevail," Pichanick said in an interview. "I believe it can't be postponed any longer and a final decision must be made."

Pichanick said he would continue to support the West Indies' proposal for a life ban from Test cricket for players with South African links.

But he would also back a compromise resolution saying that a touring country 'shall' replace any player deemed unacceptable by the host nation. "We would be quite happy with that one," he said.

England's 1988 tour of India was cancelled when India refused to accept captain Graham Gooch and seven other players because of their links with South Africa.

Pichanick said Zimbabwe was less happy with an alternative draft saying that the touring company 'may' replace an offending player.

"We obviously think 'shall' makes more sense. If it's 'may' then you're back where you are with the tour of India. If England declines to replace somebody, they won't go at all," he said.

Pichanick was doubtful about a proposal for a four-year ban. "This hasn't been put to us officially. For four years there would be no problem... but after four years the problem rears its head again."

For years the cricketers in

what used to be Rhodesia competed in South Africa's Currie Cup. But in 1980 Pichanick and his white cricketers cut all ties with South Africa, several months before the new government of independent Zimbabwe made it compulsory.

In 1986 Zimbabwe cancelled an England 'B' tour when English cricket authorities refused to ask their players for an assurance they would cut their ties with South Africa.

Pichanick said his union, which is lobbying for Test status, adhered rigidly to government policy and Zimbabwe had no regrets about cutting cricket ties with South Africa.

He said those in England who argued that South African cricket was now non-racial were missing the point. "It is entirely a political question it has nothing to do with whether the sport is multiracial."

"The opposition to South Africa is based on the fact that the system of government is unjust and the attitude to South Africa will only change in vir-

tually every country in the world when there is a democratic system of government, a one man, one vote solution."

Pichanick said he believed South African cricket authorities were doing their best. "I know a fellow like Ali Bacher (managing director of the South African Cricket Union) has always been a tremendous liberal, he has detested apartheid and fought it vigorously, but the situation still remains."

English cricket authorities had deliberately overlooked these issues. "You can't have normal sport in an abnormal society," he said.

Pichanick said he felt sorry for the 50 or 70 young English cricketers who regularly winter in South Africa, either playing or coaching, but he believed only a small number of them were realistic candidates for the England Test side.

"The ones who have a real chance of playing for England have got to look for their winter jobs in Australia or New Zealand," he said.

Pakistan get good batting practice in tour opener

NEW PLYMOUTH, New Zealand, Jan 18, (Reuters): Pakistan notched up some good batting practice on the first day of their New Zealand tour today reaching 329 for nine wickets against a Second XI selection.

But for the fall of late wickets Pakistan, 220 for two wickets at tea, looked set on a good batting wicket to score a total well in excess of 400.

Captain Imran Khan began the tour by winning the toss. The start was built on by openers Mudassar Nazar and Moin-ul-Ali who made a stand of 106. An experienced Nazar hit a well-compiled 82.

Punished
Thanks mainly to him the tour began in exciting fashion with 16 taken off the first over. He later punished the second bowler, Brian Barrett, for another 16, including four boundaries.

Mudassar's partner Moin was more circumspect, playing for his 33 before he was out to a catch by Barrett off Ian Fisher.

Shoaib Mohammed and Saleem Malik provided some of the day's best batting, taking their third wicket partnership to 117 after tea until Malik was out for 69.

Shoaib followed in the next over with the score still on the 257 for 62. Malik hit 13 fours in his lively innings while Shoaib hit 10.

Their departures precipitated a collapse with Pakistan losing its next five wickets to their inexperienced opponents for 72 runs.

Best of the bowlers was the tall, young paceman Richard de Groen who got his reward in the final session, ending with four for 50 off 22 overs.

Scoreboard
PAKISTAN first innings:
Mudassar Nazar c and b de Groen 82
Moin-ul-Ali c Barrett b Fisher 33
Shoaib Mohammed c S. Brown b Fisher 69
Saleem Malik b Douglas b Fowler 69
Ijaz Ahmed b de Groen 40
Imran Khan c Moin b de Groen 21
Salim Yousaf c Moin b de Groen 4
Saeed Anwar b Barrett 2
Wasim Akram c S. Brown b Barrett 0
Taseem Ahmed not out 0
Extras (lb, 1b, 3nb) 4
Total for nine wickets 329
Fall of wickets: 1-106 2-140 3-257, 4-257, 5-304, 6-312, 7-319, 8-325, 9-325.

Bowling: Barrett 14-1-92-2 (1ab), de Groen 22-1-50-4, Saeed 20-3-60-0 (2ab), Fisher 28-7-69-2, Fowler 14-3-49-1.

final, also cruised to a comfortable 11-1 win over Julie Monday of Britain in another second-round match which took only 11 minutes.

In other women's matches, unseeded Chinese Shi Wen beat Sweden's Christine Magnusson, winner of last week's Taipei Masters, 11-5 9-12 12-11.

Japanese women showed impressive form, with 17-year-olds Aiko Miyamura and Hisako Mizui reaching the third round.

India and Kenya reach semifinals

LUCKNOW, India, Jan 18, (Reuters): India and Kenya reached the semifinals of the Indira Gandhi Gold Cup men's hockey tournament today, the Africans squeezing out last year's beaten finalists the Soviet Union.

India's goalless draw with the Soviets was enough to secure the hosts a place in the last four as winners of Group B.

But the Russians made a surprise exit from the competition after Kenya drew 2-2 with Poland to snatch second place in the standings on goal difference.

Pakistan, with two wins from two games, have already qualified for Group A. The final place in the knock-out stage of the tournament will be filled tomorrow.

The Netherlands, favourites

to regain the title before yesterday's draw with Spain, must take a point from defending champions Pakistan to be sure of a place in the last four.

Spain have only one point from two matches compared to the Netherlands' three. But they play pointless Malaysia in their last group match.

India's match with the Soviet Union was a dull affair as moves broke down constantly whenever the ball neared goal.

Kenya, by contrast, showed spirit to come back from a 1-0 halftime deficit to clinch the point that took them through.

Trailing to sixth minute penalty by Leszek Hensler, the Kenyans dominated most of the second half.

Spearheaded by Michael

Omandi, the best player of the field, the Kenyans forced a succession of penalty corners and in the 48th minute were rewarded with a penalty stroke converted by Inderjit Singh.

Singh struck again just four minutes later, firing home a close-range rebound before Poland pulled level in the 62nd minute when a Krzysztof Michalak shot took a deflection off a defender before finding the net.

Standings (tablets under played, won, drawn, lost, points):
Group A
Pakistan 2 0 0 0 4
Netherlands 2 0 1 1 1
Spain 2 0 1 1 1
Malaysia 2 0 0 2 0
Group B
India 3 1 2 0 4
Kenya 3 0 3 0 3
Soviet Union 3 0 3 0 3
Poland 3 0 2 1 2

Klimova and Ponomarenko take lead

BIRMINGHAM, England, Jan 18, (AP): Marina Klimova and Sergei Ponomarenko emerged yesterday from the four-year shadow of Soviet patriots Natalia Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin to take the early lead in the ice dance competition at the European Figure Skating Championships.

Klimova and Ponomarenko, who have never won a major event after finishing second at eight previous world, Olympic and European championship appearances, got off to the perfect start in their quest for gold as they led a Soviet sweep of the first three placings in the compulsory routines.

Ahead
Second were Maia Usova and Aleksandr Zhulin, with Natalia Anisimova and Genrikh Stetsenko third. Hungarians Klara Engi and Attila Toth placed fourth, ahead of the leading Western pair, Sharon Jones and Paul Ashkum of Britain.

The Soviet Union also led the way after the first of two disciplines in the pairs competition.

In sparkling, all-American costumes depicting the Stars and Stripes, Larisa Selezneva and Oleg Makarov won the original programme, which counts for 33 per cent of the total mark and replaced the former short programme.

Dancing to selected portions



Klimova (left) and Ponomarenko perform during the compulsory dance competition. (Reuters wirephoto)

of Leonard Bernstein's score from "West Side Story," the married students from Leningrad combined grace and gran-

deur as they used the full width of the rink to include the eight required elements.

Second were East Germans

Mandy Woetzel and Axel Rauschenbach, with Soviets Natalia Mishkutienok and Artur Dmitriev in third place.

Missing from the Paris event were defending European and Olympic titlists Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov, who are injured. They were sitting in the stands cheering their compatriots and helping with Soviet TV commentary.

"The first day is always hard," Ponomarenko said after he and Klimova, a married couple from Moscow, received top place from all nine judges in both compulsory routines, one set to the polka, the other to a rumba.

"We skated both compulsory routines well, especially the polka," Ponomarenko, 28, said. "We didn't make any mistakes."

Pattern

With the compulsory routines counting for only 20 per cent of the total marks, Ponomarenko and Klimova still had a long way to go. The original set pattern takes place Thursday and the free dance Friday.

But they looked like a good bet for the top prize, gliding effortlessly round the ice at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre, in perfect harmony.

Ponomarenko said they had a good draw, skating fourth of the 17 couples in the first compulsory, and 13th second time round.

Women's wrestling finally takes hold

STOCKHOLM, Jan 18, (Reuters): Women's wrestling is finally taking hold.

Norway's women spent Monday night pinning the shoulders of their Swedish counterparts to the mat in the first full-scale women's international amateur wrestling clash.

Norway won 8-2 and it was deemed a big success despite some male opposition.

Thinka Berg, 24, Sweden's best women in the 53-kg division, has wrestled since the age of 14. She brushed aside the critics.

"Poppycock. It is beautiful, technical and fast, unlike the men who mostly strut around the mat."

Pelle Svensson, a prominent Swedish lawyer who won a wrestling silver medal at the 1964 Games in

SPORTS BRIEFS

Local cricket

KOKAN meet Morning Star at the New Ground and Bright Star face YMCA at the Oval tomorrow morning in Mitsubishi League matches. In the afternoon, Unity meet KJFCO and Capri face Falcon. Umpires for the morning matches will be provided by Union and Al Mulla and for the afternoon games by Starlite and Saddique.

Youth football

THE draws for the Youth Recreation Football Tournament have been postponed to Jan 27 instead of tomorrow. The tournament will start on Feb 3. Teams may contact Pinto, tel 4832409/2657293 or Eric 3262800/5650466.

Nigel Mansell

BOURNEMOUTH, England, Jan 18, (Reuters): Nigel Mansell said today that joining the Italian Ferrari motor racing team had made him feel he was beginning his Formula One career all over again.

Real Madrid

MADRID, Jan 18, (Reuters): Spanish Soccer League champions Real Madrid prefer to give priority to renovating their stadium than signing outstanding Dutch libero Ronald Koeman from PSV Eindhoven.

Players sacked

BRUSSELS, Jan 18, (Reuters): Romanian soccer international Ladislav Boloni and former Czechoslovak international Peter Janicka and Josef Barnos have been sacked by Belgian Second Division club Racing Jet Wavre because of poor performances, a club spokesman said yesterday.

Berot injured

PARIS, Jan 18, (Reuters): French international winger and goal kicker Philippe Berot has injured a collarbone and will miss Saturday's opening Five Nations Championship match against Ireland in Dublin.

British Open

LONDON, Jan 18, (Reuters): Prize money at this year's British Open golf championship has been boosted by more than six per cent, organisers announced today. The total purse at the 118th Open at Royal Troon has been increased by £50,000 to a record £750,000, they said.

AIDS virus

GENEVA, Jan 18, (Reuters): Sportsmen with open wounds should not be allowed to go on playing, in order to prevent possible transmission of the AIDS virus, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said yesterday.

RESULTS of the Huhara Bridge Club game played on Saturday:

N/S
1. Mukherjee & Chandury
2. Shanti & Oskay
3. Nishi Akel & Narendra Shah
E/W
1. Beatrice Pereira & Aubrey D'Souza
2. Selman Ali & George Masood
3. Rana Meeson & John Burke

Results of the Regency Palace Bridge Club games played on Sunday:
1. Melhem Ashkar & Ali Bonhris
2. Sudhir Damsa & Malcolm Montello
3. Bianca Mousalli & Ahmed Tawil

Results of the Messilah Ladies Bridge Club games played on Monday:
1. Margaret Maynard & Martha Griffiths
2. Rita Cannacini & Bianca Mousalli
3. Nishi Akel & Lollo Mervhwaite

Results of the Regency Palace Bridge Club games played on Sunday:
1. Nicole Iskander & Rima Farah
2. Nida Khalaf & Surendran Oskay
3. Dima Maternity & Clara Bastiere

49ers and Bengals eye one another as match nears

MIAMI, Jan 18, (AP): As the San Francisco 49ers and the Cincinnati Bengals defenses get ready for Sunday's Super Bowl football championship, they see the other team's offense reflected in their own.

That was the consensus yesterday at the first of the three hour-long sessions the players must spend with the more than 1,000 reporters and camera crews in Miami for the game.

The session at Joe Robbie stadium was a little different than most — many of the players, particularly the blacks on both teams, were asked their opinions of the disturbances on Monday night in Miami's overtown section, a poor, predominantly black neighbourhood 10 miles (16 kilometres) away, but near the downtown hotels where officials and media are staying.

Still, the focus was on the two offenses, which ranked first and second in the National Football League, with Cincinnati averaging almost 379 yards per game

GRAF SWEEPS ASIDE CANADIAN PLAYER

Sabatini struggles past Martinez

MELBOURNE, Jan 18, (Reuters): Gabriela Sabatini looked an ordinary tennis player for 40 minutes before recovering to beat 16-year-old Conchita Martinez 3-6 6-1 6-2 at the Australian Open today.

The third-seeded Argentine, surprised by the power of the Spaniard's forehand, had her serve broken twice in the opening three games of the first set.

But Sabatini relaxed in the second set, found time to move her opponent around the court and finally safely booked her third round place.

World number one Steffi Graf had no such problems against Canada's Rene Simpson, notching her fourth 6-0 victory in a Grand Slam event.

Paid
The West German served a double fault and was taken to deuce in her opening service game. But Simpson soon paid for it, winning just three more points in the first set.

Despite testing Graf frequently in the second, she was unable to mark up a game and went the way of Natalia Zvereva in the 1988 French Open Final.

Sabatini, who had barely recovered from influenza when she arrived in Melbourne to play her first tournament on the new rebound surface, said she had been all but powerless early on in the face of one of the strongest forehands in women's tennis.

"I was a little bit surprised in



Sabatini: made to fight for victory

the first set. I didn't get into the match. She was hitting the ball so well and so deep.

"I didn't use my head very

much in the first but in the second I tried to move her around and hit the ball harder."

Sabatini forecast a healthy

future for Martinez, who reached the last 16 of the 1988 French Open and is ranked 43 in the world.

"She has a good topspin, she's very young and a very good player. She just needs more experience and she can be near the top soon."

American Zina Garrison and Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany, were other women's seeds to reach the third round, but only after a struggle.

Garrison, seeded six, beat Belgian Sandra Wasserman 7-6 4-6 6-4, while Kohde-Kilsch, the number eight seed, accounted for Christine Dams of France 2-6 6-1 6-1.

In the men's competition, American Aaron Krickstein, winner of last week's New South Wales Open and seeded 10, continued his good form with a 7-5 2-6 6-4 6-1 defeat of West Germany's Udo Riglewski.

He joined Amos Mansdorf in the second round after the Israeli beat American Rick Leach 6-7 6-2 6-4 7-6.

Earlier, Carl-Uwe Steeb, a hero of West Germany's Davis Cup success last month, beat Agustín Moreno of Mexico 6-1 6-4 6-2.

Results

Carl-Uwe Steeb (West Germany) beat Agustín Moreno (Mexico) 6-1 6-4 6-2; Jeff Tarango (US) beat Peter Doolan (US) 7-5 7-5 6-3; Richey Roseburg (US) beat Diego Nargiso (Italy) 7-6 (7-3) 3-6 6-4 6-0; Olivier Delaire (France) beat Jim Pugh (US) 7-6 (7-5) 6-4 1-6 6-3; Niklas Kalli

(Sweden) beat Chris Bailey (Belgium) 6-2 3-6 7-5 6-1; Danie Visser (South Africa) beat John Martinez (Australia) 6-2 6-1 6-2; Gianluigi Pozzi (Italy) beat Jim Grabb (US) 4-6 6-3 6-4 3-6 6-3; Mark Koevermans (Netherlands) beat Gary Muller (South Africa) 6-1 6-4 6-4; Grant Connell (Canada) beat Joao Cunha Silva (Portugal) 6-4 6-4 7-6 (7-4); Malcolm Allen (US) beat Martin Laurendeau (Canada) 4-6 6-3 6-4 6-4; Zina Garrison (US) beat Sandra Wasserman (Belgium) 7-6 (7-3) 4-6 6-4; Donna Faber (US) beat Claudia Kohde-Kilsch (West Germany) 7-5 6-3; Amy Frazier (US) beat Alicia Ducharme (France) 6-3 6-3; Marianna Wardel (US) beat Akemi Nishiyama (Japan) 2-6 6-4 6-2; Aaron Krickstein (US) beat Udo Riglewski (West Germany) 7-5 2-6 6-4 6-1; John Frawley (Australia) beat Glenn Michibata (Canada) 7-6 (7-3) 3-6 7-6 (7-3) 6-4; Paul Wexler (Kenya) beat Bruno Osesar (Yugoslavia) 7-6 (7-3) 3-6 6-4 7-6 (7-4); Ivan Novikov (Czechoslovakia) beat Jeri Ingram (US) 7-5 7-5; Andrea Temesvári (Hungary) beat Jennifer Fuchs (US) 6-1 6-1; Jo Durie (Britain) beat Nathalie Herremans (France) 7-6 (8-6) 6-3; Michaël Beaudry (Canada) beat Rene Baranski (Poland) 6-4 2-6 7-5; Eva Pfaff (West Germany) beat Sybille Niox Chateau (France) 6-3 6-1; Claudia Kohde-Kilsch (West Germany) beat Christine Dams (France) 6-7 6-2 6-4 6-1; Camille Benjumea (US) beat Dinky van Rensburg (France) 6-3 6-4; Natalie Guerree (France) beat Yuki Kozumi (Japan) 6-1 6-1; Stefani Graf (West Germany) beat Rene Simpson (Canada) 6-0 6-0; Elise Burgin (US) beat Louise Field (Australia) 6-4 6-4; Reggi Raffaela (Italy) beat Christina Singer (West Germany) 6-0 6-4; Cammy MacGregor (US) beat Renee Stubbs (Australia) 2-6 6-0 6-2; Nicole Provis (Australia) beat Jill Hetherington (Canada) 6-4 6-3; Andrea Faderl (US) beat Petra Langrova (Czechoslovakia) 6-4 3-6 6-1; Kimberley Klemm (US) beat Maria Strandlund (Sweden) 6-3 3-6 6-4; Amos Mansdorf (Israel) beat Rick Leach (US) 6-7 6-4 6-2 6-4 7-6 (7-4); Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina) beat Conchita Martinez (Spain) 3-6 6-1 6-2; Darren Cahill (Australia) beat Jakob Hlasek (Switzerland) 6-4 6-7 (7-9) 6-3 7-6 (9-7).



Johnson: to testify after Feb 20

Unwitting steroid use possible, says doctor

TORONTO, Jan 18, (Reuters): It is conceivable, but unlikely, that an athlete could be receiving steroids without knowing it, a Canadian sport medicine expert said yesterday.

But Dr. Andrew Pipe told an inquiry into drug use in amateur sport, ordered after sprinter Ben Johnson was stripped of his Olympic gold medal, that even an athlete unwittingly on steroids may become aware of it through the appearance of side effects.

Pipe, chairman of the national advisory committee on drug use in amateur sport, was asked by Johnson's lawyer, Edward Futerma, whether it would be possible for an athlete to not know he was on steroids.

Aware
"It seems possible to me to have a case where an athlete who is taking steroids knowingly or not may not be aware that they are taking steroids," Pipe said.

"However, athletes who are taking steroids may become aware of the side effects of steroid use," Pipe said he had never prescribed anabolic steroids or treated, to his knowledge, any athletes on steroids.

Johnson's doping test at the Seoul Games in September found traces of the banned anabolic steroid, Stanozolol, in his urine. Johnson, in his only public statement on the matter, said in October he had never knowingly taken "any illegal substances."

He was not expected to be called to testify until after February 20.

Steroid use in male athletes produces such side effects as atrophied testicles, acne, and mood swings. In female athletes steroid use produces acne, facial hair, cessation of menstruation and in some cases infertility.

Julian Porter, a lawyer representing the regulatory body for physicians in Ontario province, asked Pipe whether it was possible "to look at a male athlete in short pants and tell if it had been suggested there had been mood swings, then my suspicions would be aroused," Pipe said.

But he said because athletes often accompany steroid use with increased weight training and other factors including the type, dosage and frequency of the drug being taken meant it was not possible to definitively eyeball an athlete on steroids.

"It would be irresponsible of me to assess whether a person was taking steroids just by the way they look," he said.

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Kuwaiti riders celebrate double success

DUBAI: Kuwait celebrated a marvellous double success as the Middle East's biggest horse show opened with a flurry of activity yesterday.

Lieut. Rakad Al Daphire, one of his country's heroes at last year's Dubai Horse Show, again had Kuwaiti voices roaring their approval as he secured victory on Silver Stream in the opening jumping competition at the Metropolitan Hotel show-ground.

And then Lieut. Abdullah Al Saeed gave the strong Kuwaiti contingent even more to celebrate when he won the Auto Dacia Stakes speed trial in splendid style on Salama.

Their successes emphasised Kuwait's reputation as one of the

Gulf's leading showjumping nations, and severed a warning to the international stars chasing record prize money of Dh 125,000 in the four-day show, which reaches a climax with the Dunhill Cup on Saturday night.

Handling the Kuwait Military Sports Association's Silver Stream with cool assurance, Lieut. Al Daphire produced a faultless round in the opening part of the Etienne Agner Stakes. And there were hopes of a Kuwaiti 1-2-3 as Lieut. Al Saeed on Salama and Lieut. Felah Al Moteri on Cool Customer, also went clear.

In the jump-off they faced tough opposition as two UAE riders went clear in fast times.

Dubai's Khalil Ibrahim went clear on Hello Louise in 41.97 seconds and Umm Al Quwain's Lorraine Garland had a flawless round on Shabam in 37.49 secs.

But, to the delight of Kuwaiti supporters who are always among the most vociferous at the six-year-old show, Lieut. Al Daphire went clear on Silver Stream in a tremendous time of 36.20 secs. Lieut. Al Saeed took fourth place on Salama with four faults in 38.23 secs, while Lieut. Al Moteri finished fifth in 38.51 secs.

Facing competition from international riders like Irish star Paul Darrah, England's Joe Turt and West German's Axel Wockener, Lieut. Al Saeed steered Salama clear in a rapid

time of 56.39 seconds, more than three seconds faster than the runner-up, UAE rider Kamille Ziri on Zivillist.

Introduced
Earlier, show director Capt. Mark Phillips, husband of Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, was introduced to H.E. Sheikh Hasher Al Maktoum, president of the UAE Equestrian Federation, and H.E. Sheikh Abdullah bin Majid al Qasimi, vice-president of the show.

Watched by Sheikh Hasher and Sheikh Abdullah, riders from England, Ireland, West Germany, Kuwait, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Umm Al Quwain, Sharjah and Bahrain took part in a colourful parade around the showground.

Angry Atkinson flies back to Spain

LONDON, Jan 18, (Reuters): Angry Ron Atkinson was flying to Madrid today, his managerial soccer career in Spain in ruins after only 94 days.

Atletico Madrid's president Jesus Gil confirmed late yesterday that the former Manchester United manager was leaving the Spanish First Division Club.

Newspapers in Spain speculated that Colin Addison, Atkinson's deputy, would take over tomorrow.

Atkinson, at home in England for a few days of a break, said today: "What annoys me is that I've done a good job there. You'd

think that taking a club from 18th to third in the League in a couple of months would be good enough to keep you in any job."

"I think I might have upset a few people behind the scenes in Madrid, which is not difficult. Some of them are not used to straight talking."

Effort
Gil had accused Atkinson, his sixth manager in 18 months, as club president, of failing to take his job seriously and leaving for England when he had been told not to do so.

He said that the players did not get on well with him and that

Atkinson had made no effort to learn Spanish.

But Atkinson said today: "I was taken completely by surprise. Last Friday I had a meeting with the president to request permission, in the absence of a club game, to return home and finalise quitting my flat here. He said he had no objections."

Addison said later he had already taken over from Atkinson. "I have been offered the job and I have accepted it. It was a short meeting and I don't intend to go into details about it. Neither will I say why Ron was dismissed."

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Sporting demolish Asim

BROTHERS Sporting Club crushed Asim Cricket Club by eight wickets in a Friday League match, organised by GCL, at the EPI ground earlier this week.

Asim won the toss and opted to bat, opening their innings through Tariq Mohammed and Tariq. Asim lost both the Tariqs with the score only 12 runs.

Kanti Patel, Kenny and Manoj never allowed the other

Asim batsmen to get on top of their bowling and the whole Asim side was out for 102. Kanti took four wickets while Kenny took three, Manoj two and Arshad one.

In reply, Sporting got the required runs for the loss of only two wickets. Nadeem was the top scorer with 58 while Mantu scored 23.

7-a-side soccer

RISING Stars 7-a-side Football Tournament's draws will be held tomorrow at the Sour grounds. Participating teams to be at the ground by 7.00 am. The matches will start at 8.00 am.

Soccer friendly

VIENNA, Jan 18, (Reuters): Albania and Greece drew 1-1 (half-time 1-0) in an international soccer friendly in Turana today, the official Albanian ATA news agency reported.

Tyson to open training session to media

LAS VEGAS, Jan 18, (Reuters): Undisputed world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, having shed some weight, announced late last night that he will open his training session to the media tomorrow for the first time since he arrived here in December.

Tyson, who defends his title on February 25 against Britain's Frank Bruno, the number one ranked contender, began training here before Christmas, but refused to let the media or the public attend the workouts.

Visit
Tyson admitted he was overweight when he began training, and some reports listed him as much as 262 pounds (119 kg), 40 pounds (18 kg) more than his usual fighting weight.

Tyson's training has been interrupted by several trips, including one to Los Angeles just before Christmas and a much-publicised visit to Vancouver, B.C., last week in which he attempted to locate his estranged wife Robin Givens.

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